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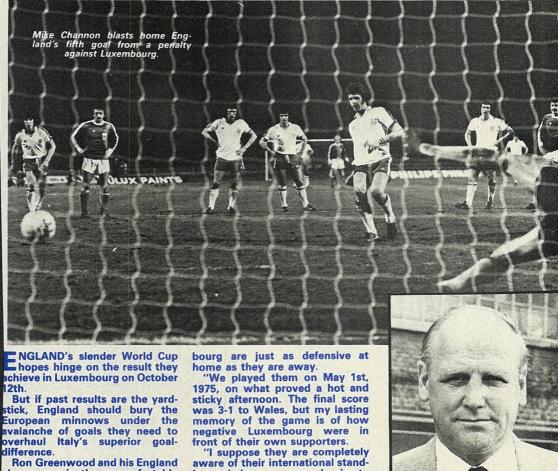


LUXEMBOURG ENGLAND WALES SCOTLAND N. IRELAND HOLLAND

REPUBLIC OF **IRELAND** BULGARIA

N EXT WEEK, the four Home nations, and the Republic of Ireland, are involved in World **Cup Qualifying** matches. All stand a chance of gaining the trip to Argentina, with the exception of Northern Ireland, who will however fight as hard as the others . . .

ENGLAND CAN GET THE AVALANCHE OF GOALS THEY NEED



achieve in Luxembourg on October 12th.

Ron Greenwood and his England players are in the uncomfortable position of knowing qualification for Argentina 1978 may be out of their hands even if they thrash little Luxembourg. But first things first. England have an appointment with goals.

This will be England's fifth meet

ing with the "Grand Duchy". The four previous games have brought England 23 goals with three against in a series of emphatic wins.

wins.

But football, at home and abroad, has changed since England last visited Luxembourg on October 19th, 1960. Europe's make-weight soccer nation is no longer a total pushover.

England will do well to remember the only goal in Italy's "anainst" column was scored by

against" column was scored by Luxembourg — no mean feat against the tightest defence in Europe.

Wales were the last British team to visit Luxembourg, and any hopes they had of a massive score were quickly dispelled, as Wales and Wrexham goalkeeper Dai Davies remembers.

"We had beaten Luxembourg 5-0 at home in the European Championship and expected to do even better out there. But we were in for a shock. Because Luxem-

ing and play every game hoping to do the best they can with their limited resources.

"We had forwards of the calibre of Leighton James and John Toshack. And midfield players such as Terry Yorath, Arfon Griffiths and John Mahoney. But we had to be satisfied with three goals. England had better be prepared for another 90 minutes of trying to break down a stubborn defence.

With a population of 330,000 and a total of 200 clubs of all levels, it is hardly surprising Luxembourg are conscious of their lack of strength in depth.

At the time of writing, England's goals column reads 11-4 while Italy's reads 9-1. But Italy have played one game less and are expected to improve on England's disappointing 2-1 scoreline against Finland.

England and Luxembourg first met on May 21st, 1927, when a Dixie Dean hat-trick sparked a convincing 5-2 victory in Luxembourg.

The two countries did not meet again until 1960 when England ran riot in the Grand Duchy, scoring nine goals without reply in a World

Cup qualifying match.

Jimmy Greaves and Bobby
Charlton scored hat-tricks as

RON GREENWOOD

England ran up the sort of scoreline they would love to achieve this time round.

In the return match, at Highbury on September 28th, 1961, Luxembourg emerged with a good deal of credit from a respectable 4-1 defeat in which Bobby Charlton

scored twice.

At Wembley on March 30th,
England struggled and spluttered
for over an hour to lead by a single Kevin Keegan goal. Just when their supporters were beginning to lose patience, England snapped into goal-gear and rattled home four more to finish winners by 5-0.

The worrying aspect of this game, and their fumbling 2-1 win over modest Finland, was England's inability to penetrate stubborn, massed defence.

Even more worrying is the fact England under Greenwood are still goal-shy. Their dismal showing against modest Switzerland on September 7th — a disappointing 0-0 draw at Wembley — did nothing to raise hopes that reaching the World Cup Fincle in Agening the World Cup Finals in Argentina is anything more than an outside possibility.

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'WALES ARE STILL 'SCOTLAND WILL IN THE DRIVING

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- says manager MIKE SMITH

IKE SMITH makes only one firm prediction about the critical Wales v. Scotland World Cup clash: "At the end of it, British football will end up with represen-tation in the Finals in Argentina!" After their beating of Czecho-

slovakia, the Scots were im-mediately hoisted as favourites for the thunderous combat scheduled for Anfield but the cool, collected Smith points out: "It's our 'home' match and that gives us the advan-

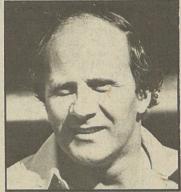
"Remember, too, a 1-0 win is good enough for us. We beat the Czechs 3-0 and the Scots did it 3-1; Scotland lost 0-2 in Prague. That is why we believe we are still in the

driving seat. "Both of us went through unbeaten in the British Championship and now we've played two internationals against Kuwait without conceding a goal."

There were plenty of shouts of disaster for Wales when they drew 0-0 against the touring Arabs at Wrexham and then failed to score in a return game. Smith concedes his side did not do well on their own soil but points out: "This was the first time we had got back together after the British Championship and the atmosphere was unreal. Almost a friendly.

"The second game was good news. In temperatures reaching

100, we played really well. In the last 15 minutes, the players could not swallow or spit — but what a good exercise it turned out to be.



We had both of those qualities in plenty and the response was heartening bearing in mind this

Scotland game coming up."
Less than 24 hours later, the
Wales manager was back in London watching a live transmission of the entire Scotland v. Czechoslovakia duel from Glasgow.

The two fought themselves to a standstill twice last season, first in a World Cup battle and then in the British Championship. Scotland won the first with an unlucky owngoal by lan Evans and the next produced no goals but several close misses.

Their only problem is scoring goals but Smith is praying for a fit, in-form John Toshack at Anfield. There has been so much con-troversy about Wales losing the Cardiff advantage because of reconstruction at Ninian Park that the bonus of Toshack playing on his home ground has been overlooked.

But how badly will Wales miss the emotional support of the massed choirs that would have been behind them at Cardiff? The answer is . . . not at all. If Smith pulls down the blinds on the coach when it crosses the Welsh border, the players won't know the differ-

To stay in a game played under those conditions, you need character and tremendous self-discipline. ESSO ESSO TE

An own-goal by Ian Evans enabled Scotland to beat Wales at Hampden Park.

PLAY TO WIN



N HIS comparatively short career as Scotland team-manager Ally MacLeod has enjoyed considerable success. Apart from defeats by Brazil on the South American tour and East Germany in the recent friendly — some would claim it was far from that — in Berlin, MacLeod has proved himself a winner.

But despite his record of four wins and two draws in eight games so far, the former Ayr and Aberdeen boss is taking nothing for granted.

The World Cup clash with Wales at Anfield on Wednesday is the big one for Scotland.

A 1-0 success for Wales would mean that Mike Smith's team would have to concede three in their final section tie in Prague in November to be pipped, and judging by the European Champions recent fall from grace, few would bet on that happening.

Scotland, meanwhile, need only win to make sure of their place, and even a draw might be enough.

MacLeod is looking forward to the game with great enthusiasm

- says manager **ALLY MacLEOD**

and confidence. "We'll be playing for a win," he says. "The team's performance in beating Czechoslovakia at Hampden was, in my opinion, the classiest by a Scotland side for years. The spirit is marvellous. Against Czecho-slovakia I had five guys on the substitutes' bench, and I wouldn't have had any hesitation in playing any of them had I felt it necessary to make changes."

But MacLeod has not forgotten, either, that Wales held his team to a draw when he made his inter-national baptism at Wrexham on

May 28th this year.

"Wales won't give up without a fight," says the Scotland boss.

"But we'll have thousands of our -marvellous fans at Anfield to roar us on.

Who, then, will be the key Scots in this World Cup showdown?

Kenny Dalglish is one who is in line to earn star billing. He will have the Liverpool fans, who have already hailed him as a superstar,

on his side.

Joe Jordan, whose willingness to chase every ball and shrug off the most crippling tackles and knocks, also carries responsibility.

But, perhaps, most lies with the midfield of Rioch, Masson and Hartford. Masson and Hartford were outstanding in the last game, while Rioch has emerged as a firstclass leader.

Provided there are no injury problems the middle three and the front three will be unchanged. But the same cannot be said about the back-four where MacLeod must

decide whether to bring back Martin **Buchan and Willie** Donachie injury.



Joe Jordan (second left) scores Scotland's first goal in their crucial World Cup qualifying game v. Czechoslovakia last month.

Previews of the games involving Northern Ireland and the Republic on page 10.

ACKIE CHARLTON said in SHOOT he reckons England's World Cup-tie in Luxembourg next Wednesday (October 12th) is our most vital match . . . not the return with Italy at Wembley in November.

I agree with "The Giraffe". I'm confident we can beat the Italians. Whether we can score enough goals against the part-timers of Luxembourg to put the pressure on Italy is another matter.

England's manager Ron Green-wood won't need to spend much time discussing tactics for next week's game. The orders will be simple . . . attack, attack, attack. We must have ten forwards all capable of hitting the target.

Sounds easy, doesn't it. But no need for me to remind you fans England have struggled to get goals for a long, long while.

Mind you, we haven't had too much trouble finding the net against Luxembourg in the past.
England's biggest win was in October 1960 when we trounced

October, 1960, when we trounced them 9-0 in Luxembourg. That's the sort of result we MUST aim for next

England 5, Luxembourg 0 in our first World Cup Qualifier at Wembley last March sounds pretty good. But we should have reached double

I won my fifth full cap in a side that bristled with aggression and potential goal-power.

My England room-mate Paul Mariner made his full international debut, so did that fine Villa defen-

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der John Gidman.

Although we scored early on through captain Kevin Keegan, England didn't press home their superiority until Trevor Francis, Ray Kennedy and Mike Channon got a goal-apiece in a 15-minute spell dur-ing the second-half.

Apart from experienced defenders Louis Pilot - now retired, I understand — and Leon Mond, no one really impressed me in a Luxembourg side who were only **English Second Division standard.**

Mike Channon added a fifth from the penalty-spot five minutes from time, but we all realised we should scored at least twice that

I don't really know why England have trouble scoring. But then how many international matches are high-scoring games these days?

Even the small soccer nations such as Luxembourg, Switzerland and Malta are becoming so well-organised at the back it's hard for

any team to break through.

The likes of Brazil and West Germany have a tough job finding the net more than three or four times.

Poor old Luxembourg have been the whipping boys of our Group Two - losing 7-1 to Finland away and 1-0 at home, 4-1 to Italy at home and 5-0 to England at Wembley.

when we meet in the Grand Duchy next Wednesday.

The most successful of their League clubs, certainly since the last War, are Jeunesse Esch, who have played against both Liverpool and Celtic in the European Cup.

They are the best-supported club, with gates of around 1,500 on average. Internationals attract more, of course. I read they had 14,000 for their World Cup-tie against Italy last year. I expect at least that number for England's visit.

Naturally, I hope Ron Greenwood selects me for the side next week.

For the Swiss game, he chose six players from Liverpool, a move welcomed by most people in the game.

But what about a Manchester/ Liverpool combination for our tie in

Luxembourg?

Besides the Liverpool contingent we could have Dave Watson (City), Mike Channon (City), Dennis Tueart (City), Stuart Pearson (United), Steve Coppell (United) and, of course, myself.

But it's not my job to pick teams. Seriously, I hope I'm chosen to play for the whole 90 minutes this time. Although it's great just being part of the England set-up, I don't want to be known as the permanent



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ATTACK-ATTACK-

I'm sure Ron Greenwood/Bill Taylor (another City man) and Geoff Hurst can give England back her lost pride and prestige. 1 was very

As you know, impressed by Ron and Geoff when they took charge of the England squad for the first time for the Swiss match.

Their approach was simple and direct. They spoke the same language as the players. They aim to get the right results, but they didn't promise miracles or overnight success.

Ron Greenwood introduced himself to his players before the England squad assembled.

He visited every club who provided players and at each one called us together to outline his plans for the immediate future.

Our new manager is totally different to Don Revie. He's not such a cautious man and seems to have more idea where he's going.

There are no more dossiers Ron Greenwood wants the opposition to worry about England. Also bingo sessions and putting in the hotel lounge have been abolished.

Most players disliked having to play those games. Under Green-wood we are treated as adults. If we want to watch TV we can. If we want to go out for a walk we can. Or simply sit around playing cards.

Before the game Ron Greenwood said: "You go out and get any glory that's going. Leave me to take the knocks."

Listening to him and Geoff Hurst I can't understand why West Ham didn't win more honours.

Some critics have even suggested Ron Greenwood didn't get the England job before Sir Alf Ramsey and Don Revie because of the lack of club success.

I don't know if that's true or not you'll have to ask the F.A. - but certainly The Hammers have won many admirers with their entertaining style.

Ron Greenwood's soccer school at Upton Park has had quite a few

More recently, Frankie Lampard, Mervyn Day, Trevor Brooking and Alan Curbishley have graduated

from the academy.
Ron Greenwood teaches skill and creativity. Under him England will place more emphasis on technique rather than strength to regain our standing in international soccer, if not in time for 1978 then certainly for the 1982 World Cup Finals.

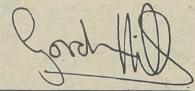
We can make a start on the road back in Luxembourg. I'm sure England will win, it's how we do it and by how many goals that's the vital issue.

Just enough space left to mention United's match at Middlesbrough this Saturday (October 8th).

Under Jackie Charlton they were branded as a dull, defensive team. Maybe that was true to a certain extent, but they still managed to beat us 3-0 in last season's corresponding game.

It's never been easy to get points at Ayresome and new manager Johnny Neal's promise of a more attractive, brighter Boro will make it even tougher.

Still, I'm optimistic of a good result for us Reds.





INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTOR

NICO Braun METZ FC and LUXEMBOURG

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SHOOT: You were born in Luxembourg on 26th October, 1950, and your first club as a young teenager was Fourth Division Residence Walferdange. Do you have football in the blood?

BRAUN: Yes, I think so. My father was a player in his time, and right now I have a younger brother playing for Residence Walferdange. When I was 18 I joined the First Division team Union Luxembourg and before my 21st birthday I was Luxembourg's top League scorer with 25 goals, after scoring ten times in the previous season.

SHOOT: You stayed four seasons with Union, what honours did you gain with them?

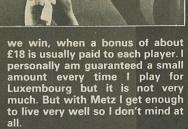
BRAUN: We were Champions of Luxembourg twice. That enabled us to play in the European Cup. Also we won the Luxembourg F.A. Cup twice. I also got my first cap when I was playing for Union, and was lucky enough to get our goal when we lost 4-1 to France 'B'.

SHOOT: Before going to France to

play for Metz FC you had two seasons playing in West Germany for Schalke 04 of Gelsenkirchen. How did you come to leave them? BRAUN: The standard of play in West Germany is much higher than in France and I was not in the team always. When I did play I found it very difficult and a scout from Metz apparently liked me. Their club chairman came to Germany to clinch the transfer. Metz is much closer to Luxembourg and I can drive there and be with my family in less than two hours.

SHOOT: We know attendances at League matches in Luxembourg are very low, and the players are supposed to be truly amateur. What is the average attendance and are they really paid nothing at all?

BRAUN: For the ordinary game in the Luxembourg First Division, 500 to 800 will be a typical crowd, but Jeunesse Esch, who are most often the Champions, usually attract between 1,500 and 2,000 for their home games. About payment we get nothing at all unless



SHOOT: Luxembourg win games very rarely so you and your colleagues must be in an almost unique position. How does it feel, knowing you are almost sure to lose to England — and does it affect your play?

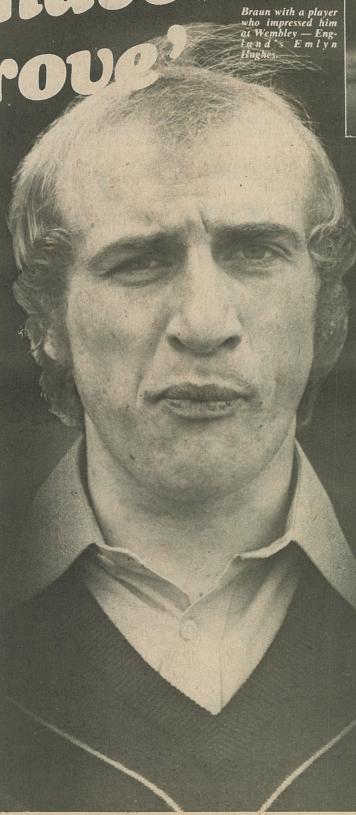
BRAUN: I consider that playing for your country, small as it may be, is still a great honour. It is true most of the time we are sure we will lose — but can you imagine the pleasure we get when we manage an occasional draw — and the delight, when for example we beat Turkey 2-0 and I got the first goal? But there are also two pluses that grow from this knowledge. First, because we know most of the players are real amateurs, we are very relaxed at the start of every game, with no cares, just going out to do our best. And because there are not so many good players to choose from there is a very strong feeling of genuine friendship within the team.

SHOOT: You have scored five goals so far for Luxembourg, including one against Italy. Which do you think was the most important or best one?

BRAUN: My goal against Italy came when we were losing 4-0 already so it wasn't very important. But in a technical sense my goal against Turkey was the best — a shot on the volley — and also the most important because it put us on the road to victory.

SHOOT: What did you think of Luxembourg's performance at Wembley and what is your impression of England?

BRAUN: For players from Luxembourg the chance to play at Wembley is a great ambition and I think we did very well there, particularly



because I think the refereeing went against us. Kevin Keegan and Emlyn Hughes were the players who impressed me most, but I think overall we contained England very well for most of the game.

SHOOT: And what about the return match in Luxembourg? Can you pull off a surprise and take a point from England, and what will your tactics be?

BRAUN: In general, the English didn't find a way to open our defence. Most of their attacks were through high centres and were very well dealt with by our number five, Louis Pilot, and by the goalkeeper. Generally I think England will have to improve very much if they are to go to Argentina, but that is all I want to say at the moment. I don't want to discuss our tactics for the return match. It would be a big surprise if we got a point, in fact almost impossible for us to even score, but England will have to improve a lot if they are to qualify

SHOOT: You conceded only five goals at Wembley and held Italy to four, but then you crashed by 7-1 away to Finland, which must have been a disastrous day for you. What went wrong?

BRAUN: It may sound unbelievable but in Finland we gave one of our best-ever performances. We played very well in midfield but missed a lot of chances. Finland were not as good as the score suggests for we made many mistakes in defence and they scored a goal almost every time they attacked. In my honest opinion, we should have won, perhaps by

SHOOT: What did you think of the Italians when they beat you 4-1 in

Luxembourg — and who do you think will win the group and play in Argentina?

BRAUN: Against Italy our defence made too many errors, but of course Italy were much the better team. Several of their players made a real impression on me, particularly the full-back Marco Tardelli. Overall they look a very professional unit and I think they are the best team in the group. But even so, England still have a chance to reach Argentina, but they will have to prove them-selves at Wembley against Italy.

SHOOT: Are you sure to play against England?

BRAUN: Unless I am injured I will be there. There is a clause in my contract with Metz FC I must be released to play for Luxembourg six times a season. It is often difficult, because Luxembourg play many games on Sundays, which is normally the day Metz plays. But for the weekend of an international, Metz often play on Satur-day, so I can go and play for Luxembourg on Sunday. But because the England match will be on a Wednesday there is no problem unless I am injured.

SHOOT: Professional clubs in England usually give their players a day off after playing for their coun-tries. How do you feel playing on Saturday and again on Sunday?

BRAUN: I have often done it, and so have the other Luxembourg players who are with professional clubs. There is no difficulty so long as you don't take a knock that is too painful. Our Federation does not mind and neither do we players. I think a professional should ers. I think a professional should be able to play at his best on two consecutive days without prob-



ITALY v FINLAND PREVIEW

THREE days after England hope to score a hatful of goals in Luxembourg, their World Cup fate HREE days after England hope could take a significant turn for the

better — on Saturday, October 15th. Finland travel to Italy and if the Finns can snatch a draw — as they did in the last European Championship — England's chances of being in Argentina next year will be considerably brighter.

Finland Can succeed England failed last November? Aulis Rytkönen, the likeable Finland manager, is confident his team can do

He says: "Finland usually play better away from home. This year, for instance, we have won in Turkey and Luxembourg, drawing in Norway.

"I believe we can continue our good form in Italy. Originally we were told the World Cup-tie would be played in Rome.

"Then, for some reason, it was switched to Turin. I can imagine why. The Italian manager is afraid! We drew in Rome a few years ago. Also, nearly all his players come from the Turin clubs Juventus and Torino.

"They will do their utmost to win in front of their own fans. The Italians regard us as clumsy amateurs, but Mr. Bearzot knows that even amateurs can play good football.

"So when Mr. Bearzot switches our game, he must be more than a little

apprehensive."
In June, Italy went to Helsinki and won 3-0.

"With better luck we could have led 2-0 at half-time. We also played extre-mely well against West Germany last month, losing to a goal after a sloppy

match of Group Two.

"If Italy win, England will see a very defensive Italy at Wembley in November. Too defensive for England to win, I'd say.

"On the other hand, if we win or draw in Turin, I have faith in the magic of Wembley and Ron Greenwood's attacking philosophy ... England could make it.

"Mr. Greenwood is known

throughout Finland as a fine manager. His methods could work wonders for England if only he had enough time.

"Let us hope he has sufficient time otherwise the Italians could be very

angry with Finland if they don't reach Argentina!" Finland will certainly pose a lot of problems for Italy. Even though the Italians may have the upper hand at the moment, their astute manager Enzo Bearzot is experienced enough to know there is still a long way to go before any celebrations.

Remember, Finland played excel-lently at Wembley a year ago and few England fans could have complained the Finns had drawn or even won.

Everyone in Finland is confident of a similar performance in Turin on October 15th.

TIMO KIVI, Helsinki.





Italy (dark shirts) on their way to a 3-0 victory in Helsinki in June.

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THE SAME again . . . that's what I'll be looking for when England travel to Luxembourg next week. We beat them 5-0 at Wembley in March and another five goals — or, of course, even more if possible — will, I feel, be a satisfying result for

lt's simply not realistic to start talking in terms of a rugby score in Luxembourg. High scores in international soccer are, these days, almost extinct. Even 5-0 is a high score by today's standards.

I'm hopeful of England doing well next week because I believe Luxements.

bourg will want to make more of an impression on their fans and may which they didn't at

Wembley.

I think Luxembourg would at least like to score a goal or two for their supporters and, let's face it, that

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would be a fine achievement.

If they do push more men forward than they did at Wembley, this will obviously leave some gaps for us to exploit.

I wonder how Luxembourg feel, knowing that bar a major sensation, they're going to lose? I'm not being boastful, but facts must be faced and tiny Luxembourg's record is poor.

In the back of their minds, though, must be a glimmer of hope that the next game could be the one when they achieve the "imposs-

England certainly won't underestimate them. Since I came into the squad, one of the things that has impressed me most is the professionalism of the players.

Now Ron Greenwood has called upon most of the Liverpool team, our professionalism must be unmatched because The Reds are the best team in Europe.

While I'm naturally confident England will win, Luxembourg won't be pushovers. No inter-

national opponents are.

Even the smallest of soccer nations have learned to defend in depth and it took England a while to break down the Luxembourg rear-

guard at Wembley.

I didn't play in that game, but I remember the frustration of the

first-half where many chances were

created — yet missed.
Still, we DID score five, which was a satisfying total.
The best way round a packed defence is down the flanks. Wingmen used properly can cause havoc for any defence. I don't mean sending over a string of hopeful centres
... I mean making use of the space
they have to work their way round the block of defenders.

Some critics feel if we pack our

side with goalscorers we'll auto-matically score goals. I disagree. The most vital aspect is to keep the team-balance. Perhaps you can dispense with a defensive midfield man, yet overall you should play to

your usual style.

It is no secret England have had problems putting the ball in the back of the net over the past year or so. I've been asked why this is and more knowledgeable soccer folk than me haven't come up with the

answer.

Players who score regularly for their clubs just don't seem to be able to do it for England. Well, it's a

mystery to me, too.

The chances have been there to be taken, yet somehow so many opportunities have gone begging.
I can understand the feelings of

the fans, who have been naturally disappointed with our goal-tally.

If they could see how much it hurts the England players to fail to



'Harry Hotspur'

Could you please tell me how Tot-tenham Hotspur got their rather strange name?

NICHOLAS DAY, GORLESTON

● When a bunch of local lads founded the club in 1882, Nicholas, they decided to turn to their school history-lessons. "Harry Hotspur" was the name given to the historical character Sir Henry Percy (1364-1403), the eldest son of the Earl of Northumberland — whose ancestral home was right by the club's original playing-field on Tottenham Marshes.

So, seeking a spot of originality, one of the founder-members suggested they called the club Hotspur F.C. — changed to Tottenham Hotspur three years later.

The First

As a keen Bradford City fan, I'd like to know if it's true that my club was the first to win the present F.A. Cup?

C. MURTAGH, BRADFORD

■ Yes, it is — the trophy played for today, the third, was made by Messrs. Fattorini & Sons, of Bradford, in 1911.

And the first winners that year were Bradford City — who beat Newcastle 1-0 in a replay, after a 1-1 draw.

The original F.A. Cup, put up when the competition started in 1871, was stolen from a Birmingham shop-window display — while local Aston Villa were the holders — in 1895, and never recovered.

The second was presented to Lord Kinnaird — in recognition of his completing 21 years as President of the Football Association — in 1910.

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Swindon's Cup

Who did Swindon beat on the way to winning the League Cup in 1969?

JEREMY SIMS, WILTSHIRE

Torquay, at home by 2-1, were Swindon's first victims, Jeremy — followed by Bradford City 4-3 in a home replay. Next, Blackburn were beaten 1-0 at home; followed by Coventry 3-0 in a home replay after a 2-2 draw.

Derby then held Swindon 0-0, but likewise fell 1-0 when they travelled to the replay.

the replay.
In the two-legged Semi-Final against Burnley, both sides won 2-1 away to make it 3-3 on aggregate — but Swindon won the decider 3-2 at West Brom.
And so on to giantkilling Wembley glory — when the gallant Third Divisioners crushed mighty Arsenal 3-1.

turn superiority into goals maybe they'd have a change of heart.

We want so much to do well for the England followers and we know we've let them down.

All I can say is: "Have patience and believe in us."

I didn't play against Switzerland - that is, I wasn't in the original team. I came on as sub for the last nine or ten minutes although I didn't have time to make much of an impression.

Those of you who read my earlier columns will know I wasn't too surprised to have been overlooked. A new manager has new ideas and I

was taking nothing for granted.
When I saw Ron Greenwood's
first squad, I knew I wouldn't play.
He would hardly call up Ian Callaghan just to be a sub!
Personally I feel the manager is
on the right lines choosing seven
Liverpool players (I include Kevin
Keegan).

Keegan).

Top Team

In order to get some sort of "instant understanding" he went to the top team in Europe. Mr. Greenwood simply doesn't have time to experiment, so what better than to base his team on a club side?

It is wrong to judge Mr. Green-wood or his team on one match and I still believe the "experiment" can

pay off.
Playing for England means everything to me, but winning is even more important and if I'm left out of the Luxembourg selection . . . I'll understand. Just being in the squad is marvellous and we all have our part to play one way or the other. Ron Greenwood will only have

three days to prepare for the Luxembourg game as the system of postponing some League games prior to World Cup-ties has been

don't think this matters too much. Don Revie used the time to try and build up a team understanding. With the side based on Liver-

pool, Mr. Greenwood should have this already. In fact, on the Saturday before the Luxembourg tie, I'll be able to

judge the Liverpool lads first-hand Chelsea visit Anfield for the second time this season.

We lost in the League Cup a few weeks ago 2-0. We played Liverpool at their own attacking game and I felt we made a good showing in front of The Kop despite what Ray Clemence says in his column.

Let's be honest. You don't really expect to go to Anfield and come home with much!

Liverpool looked good, very good, but my tip for the title is Manchester City. Mind you, Liverpool won't give up their crown without one heck of a fight!

I think Liverpool must be the yardstick for every club. One glance at their achievements both on and ff the field tells you Liverpool are

off the field tells you Liverpool are very special.

See you in two weeks,



"Two of Liverpool's contingent of England players — Phil Neal (left) and lan Callaghan."



Hat-tricks

in Final

Which player has scored the most goals in an F.A. Cup Final?

IAN RICKSON, CHARLTON

● In 1890, lan, Townley scored three in Blackburn Rovers' 6-1 defeat of Shef-field Wednesday; then, in 1894, Logan also got three in Notts County's 4-1 win over Bolton.

In much more modern times — in the famous "Stan Matthews Final" of 1953 — Stan Mortensen is usually credited with three in Blackpool's 4-3 defeat of Bolton.

But as one of "Morty's" efforts went in off a Bolton man, some records give it as "Hassall, o.g." instead.



■ The penalty-kick was introduced by the Irish F.A. in 1890-91, and adopted in England the following

(JOHNNY MORENO, Gibraltar)

 Rodney Marsh scored 36 goals in his 118 League games for Manchester City.

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(NEVILLE ENTWISTLE, Birmingham)

Martin Chivers

When was Martin Chivers' first and last full international for England?

GRAEME WILKINSON, NORTH SHIELDS

● The first of the then Spurs' star's 24 games was a 1-0 away European Championship win over Malta on 3rd February, 1971, Graeme; his last, that dramatic 1-1 World Cup Wembley draw against Poland on 17th October, 1973.

Five to go

Which clubs in this season's Second Division have never been in the First? JOHN BARYON, HULL

Surprisingly enough, John, only five out of the 22.
 The five are Brighton, Bristol Rovers, Mansfield, Hull and Millwall.

Medal for Ron

Is Ron Greenwood, the new England manager, the same Greenwood who won a League Championship medal with Chelsea in 1954-55?

STEVE CULLEN, BIRMINGHAM

• The very same, Steve. Chelsea spotted him playing in minor soccer, but accepted a good fee from Bradford Park Avenue in December, 1945.

He came South again to Brentford in 1949; then moved back to Chelsea in 1952; and on to Fulham in 1954.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

Northern Ireland v. Holland Windsor Park, Belfast, Oct. 12th (kick-off 3.00 p.m.).





DANNY BLANCHFLOWER

NORTHERN Ireland manager Danny Blanchflower is under no illusions about the tough task his team faces in their World Cup match against Holland at Windsor Park, Belfast, on October 12th. But he also has real realistic views on

his players' chances.
"It is a fact Holland are one of the strongest sides in the competition," says Danny. "And, naturally, on form, they would be expected to win. Yet in this particular game Holland could be the team to lose, if we turn in a better-than-average performance and they play below normal for

them.
"In our situation, the Northern
Ireland side must basically play in
similar fashion to the way in which we performed against Iceland. We attacked them, although my players weren't carried away by

the final result of a 2-0 win to us. 'We could have done better and

beaten them by 5-0.

'And when I say we must play in a similar way against Holland, I mean that with the players available to Northern Ireland we are not in a position to change our tactics from match to match.

"We find out the methods which suit us best, and generally

speaking, we have to conform to them.

"Against Iceland, we had to keep battering away at their defence for most of the time — and when we went ahead they had to try to come forward to get a goal which could put them back into the game. Then following this, we were able to break through again

"For George Best, who had been involved in the struggle between Fulham and Los Angeles Aztecs for his services, it wasn't easy for him to find his feet after his trips to and fro across the Atlantic.

In assessing his team's potential for the Holland game, Danny also has his own ideas on how much a manager can contribute to the performance of his players.

"I believe the overall contribution of a manager works out at ten per cent. He knows the



George Best has defender Geirsson worried in Northern Ireland's 2-0 victory over Iceland in Belfast last month.

players he is working with, their strong points and weaknesses and from there he has to put across to them his own ideas and thoughts.

There are players who can tackle, and some who can't others who can be best used in an attacking role, and those who are best at defending. I am not a person who believes in the all-purpose player, although there are some of them around. But I want defenders to defend, and

attackers to attack.

Some teams, of course, concentrate on defence. And if they can do this for most of the 90 minutes then break away to score and win a match, they have got a result the easy way — this is not my way of doing things. "My view with Northern Ireland

is that I feel I can bring discipline and unity to the side. And in the match with Iceland, the players did everything I asked of them in

playing an attacking game."
Northern Ireland's last
encounter with Holland ended in a 2-2 draw, and for the forthcoming clash in Belfast between the two teams, Danny will be exhorting his men to do at least as well.

"Through the years, Northern Ireland have fielded sides which have taken beatings in international matches, and in the beginning they won only about five per cent of their games.

But we have improved since then, although we face a great team in Holland we'll be going forward as much as we can against them. As for making any predictions, I can only say what I've said before — I don't rule out our chances.'

And for Holland, there is the great incentive to prove that they are worthy of making the trip to Argentina for the World Cup they must feel the need to improve on their previous 2-2 performance against Danny Blanchflower's

Which means the Dutchmen will be hoping they have the "luck of the Irish!"

Both need 'The Luck of the Irish'

Republic of Ireland v. Bulgaria

Lansdowne Road, Dublin, Oct. 12th (kick-off 4.30 p.m.).





EIRE still have a chance, slim though it may be, of winning Group Five on goal difference. Should they beat Bulgaria 4-0 in Dublin next Wednesday, and if France and Bulgaria have a low-scoring draw in Paris on November 16th then Fire will qualify for the 16th, then Eire will qualify for the

Finals for the first time.

Is it too much to hope for? They certainly will need the so-called "luck of the Irish".

Eire beat Russia 3-0 and Turkey 4-0 at home in recent years, but those games were played at Dalymount Park where Irish fans claim the "Dalymount Roar" is worth a goal start to the boys in green. In view of the importance of the tie, it was felt Dalymount would have been chosen as the venue, but the Football Asso-ciation of Ireland appear to have put their financial thoughts first.

Statistics can prove anything and the facts are Eire have never scored more than two goals at Lansdowne Road (the Irish Rugby Union H.Q.) where the opposition appear to have more room to play.

Also, Spain won there last February, while Eire are unbeaten at Dalymount since May, 1971.

Both sides have been inactive since they met in the Vassil Lewski stadium in Sofia on 1st June when the home side won 2-1 with goals from Panel Panel Panel State Valled Stat

from Panel Panov and Jielazkov.
Eire's top scorer, Don Givens,
got his 16th international goal in
that game but it was Johnny Giles'
goal that really caused pan-

demonium.
It's history now Greek referee Nikko Zlatanos disallowed what would have been Giles' fifth international goal, and despite the F.A.I.'s request to have the game replayed, the result stands.
Since Giles took charge of the Eire side in 1973, only one League of Ireland player has been in the first team — English-born Waterford 'keeper Peter Thomas and the local part-timers have been part-timers



Arsenal's Liam Brady scores the only goal of the game in Eire's World Cup-tie against France in Dublin on March 30th.

anxious to show Giles that they

are worth a trial.

Ironically, Giles, who now plays with Shamrock Rovers, will be the second if, as seems certain, he selects himself.

Eire have a comparatively smart squad which almost picks itself. Walsall's Mick Kearns will no

doubt be between the sticks, but Giles will have to find a replace-ment for Mick Martin in the back-four. For Martin, along with Noel Campbell of Fortuna Cologne, was

sent-off in the Sofia game.

There are a few options open to him. He could bring in Notts County's left-back Ray O'Brien and move Jimmy Holmes to the middle, or he could use Paddy Mulli-

gan alongside David O'Leary and give Davy Langan of Derby County his first cap.

Langan was in a Giles XI that played Leeds United in Paul Madeley's testimonial in March this year, and if he is in the team he will be the 33rd player to be capped under Giles.

Other contenders will be Tony Grealish of Orient and Brighton's Mark Lawrenson. The latter got his first cap back in April in a friendly with Poland.

The midfield look good on paper: Gerry Daly, Giles and Liam Brady. If the trio can hit it off together they could provide the

vital openings.
Up-front, Giles will probably again rely on Don Givens, Steve Heighway and Frank Stapleton.
Givens would probably prefer to play at Dalymount also. The Q.P.R.

striker has hit ten of his record 16 at the North city venue while he failed to score at the Rugby H.Q.

Heighway has never scored for his country in a full international, so let's hope Frank Stapleton (if selected) will bang in a few. Maybe the Irish should check up on Malcolm Macdonald's roots!

The Bulgarians will probably have Criston Bonev (who missed the Sofia game) in their side and they will obviously be happy with a draw so the Irish will have to find some way round their tight

This will be Eire's 162nd inter-national and Johnny Giles' 20th game in charge. We cannot think of anywhere nicer than Argentina for him to celebrate his "coming of

Other European Cups





Jim Baxter (top of page) scored Rangers' first goal against Borussia Monchengladbuch in the secondleg. George Graham (above) in action v. AS Roma in 1965-66.

ELLAND ROAD BRAWL

Leeds United's Fairs Cup clash with Valencia at Elland Road in February, 1966, created a sensation, when, after two Spanish players and Jackie Charlton had been ordered-off, the police had to intervene during a brawl among the players. Dutch referee Leo Horn then sent both teams to the dressing-rooms for a tenminute cooling off period before resuming. The game ended in a 1-1 draw, but not before another Spanish player had been given his marching orders. FIFA inspectors turned up for the second-leg in Valencia, but this was quiet by comparison and Leeds won with a solitary goal by Mike O'Grady.

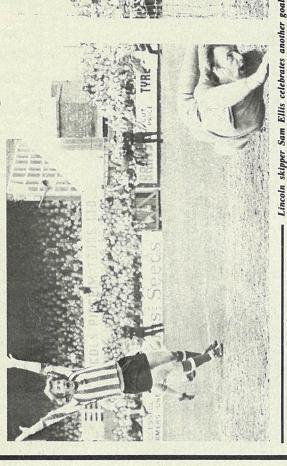
GOAL-RIOT

During the first season of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1960-61, Glasgow Rangers showed their mettle with a smashing victory over German team Borussia Monchengladbach. The Scottish side won 3-0 in Dusseldorf, but that was nothing to what happened in the second-leg at Ibrox. Then Jimmy Baxter opened the scoring within two minutes of the start and Rangers were five goals up by half-time. They eventually ran out 8-0 winners with the goals coming from Baxter, Brand 3, Millar 2, Davies and Piefifer o.g. This was the season in which Rangers reached the Final to lose 4-1 on aggregate to Fiorentina.

ROME VIOLENCE

Stamford Bridge, Eddie McCreadie was sent-off for retalisting and Chelsea were reduced to ten men for a spell after Terry Venables had to stand them in good stead for the return in Cities Fairs Cup of 1965-66 were renowned because of the violence. In the first-leg at leave the field following a vicious tackle. This Graham) which was to Rome which brought some of the most frenzied violence ever seen in a European football stadium (which is saying something these days). The Italian fans pelted the Chelsea team with missiles at the Flamino Stadium and attacked the club coach after Chelsea had held the home side to a goalless draw. The Italian F.A. fined AS Roma £500 for these disorders and the Fairs Cup committee banned them player, however, was the star of Chelsea's 4-1 Chelsea's games with AS Roma in the Interfrom the competition for three years. victory (Venables 3,

Fourth Division—Football League



SIX POINTS CLEAR

Lincoln City's promotion-winning run of 1975-76 was amazing because they collected a new Football League record total of 74 points while creating a Fourth record with only four defeats. They were undefeated at home where they enjoyed one run of ten consecutive victories in mid-season. No wonder they finished six points clear of their nearest rivals. The team was principally from Pete Grotier; Ian Branfoot, Dennis Leigh; Dennis Booth, Sam Ellis, Terry Cooper; John Fleming, Dick Krzywicki, Percy Freeman, Dave Smith, John Ward and Alan Harding.

FOURTH TO FIRST

Northampton Town shook the domestic football scene in the 1960's when they became the first side to rise from Fourth to First. The man who hatched this miracle was former Arsenal and Wales half-back, Dave Bowen, who had begun his Football League career at Northampton and returned to them as player-manager in July, 1959. In his second season they won promotion from the Fourth Division. Two years later they topped Division Three, and in another two seasons they won promotion from the Second Division. Alas, however, it from the Second Division. Alas, however, it proved to be too rapid a rise and relegation followed after only one season among the soccer elite. Four players went right through from the Fourth to the First Division with The Cobblers:— full-back Mike Everitt, centre-half Terry Branston, wing-half Derek Leck, and outside-left Barry Lines.

RECORD MARGIN

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Championship-clinching win

in their Doncaster.

Fourth. The return of Tony Hateley to Meadow Lane in October of that season was to them he had netted 178 League goals and had had something like £400,000 spent on him in transfer fees. His return to the County side in a 1-0 victory over Northampton Town attracted over 21,000 to Meadow Lane on November 7th, more than double the previous Notts County ran away with the Fourth Divifinishing just outside the promotion area in 1969-70 to the Fourth Division's outstanding combination in 1970-71. It was Notts County Hateley had reached the 200 League goal mark with a further 22 in 29 appearances. The Championship in 1970-71 when they finished nine points ahead of the runners-up, a record Championship-winning margin in the the key factor that turned them from a team highest attendance that season. When the County side that went through this campaign without a home defeat (the first time the club had achieved this in 72 seasons of League Bob Worthington; Mike Jones, Dave Needham, Brian Stubbs; from Jon Nixon, Les Bradd, Richie Barker, Tony Hateley, Don Masson and Charlie Crickmore. who started this player on the goalscoring trai back in 1958-59, and by the time he returned campaign ended in promotion Tony football) was: Barry Watting; John Brindley

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SPECTACULAR goals are usually associated with the First Division but this was not the case when Blackpool entertained Sunderland in a Second Division match during

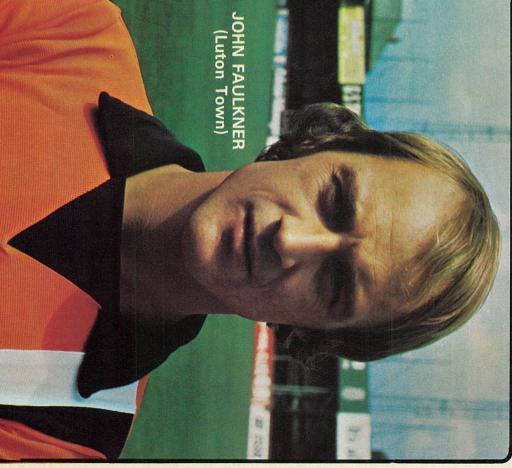
The Bloomfield Road club took a 2-0 lead but Sunderland hit back and when the score was 2-2 The Rokerites were awarded a penalty. But they missed their chance to go ahead for the first time in the game.

Mickey Walsh remembers: "Our then Wickey Walsh remembers tremendous save and from that we broke away.

y "A long clearance out of defence found yours truly in Sunderland's half. Running at full speed I managed to control the ball perfectly and started my path to goal.
"I took on and beat about three defenders, and as I got to the edge of the Roker Park club's penalty-area I looked up and with a left-foot shot left Jim Montgomery stranded. It was a dream goal."

That tremendous effort was captured by the B.B.C.'s cameras and resulted in Mickey Walsh being voted scorer of Match Of The Day's Goal of the Season.





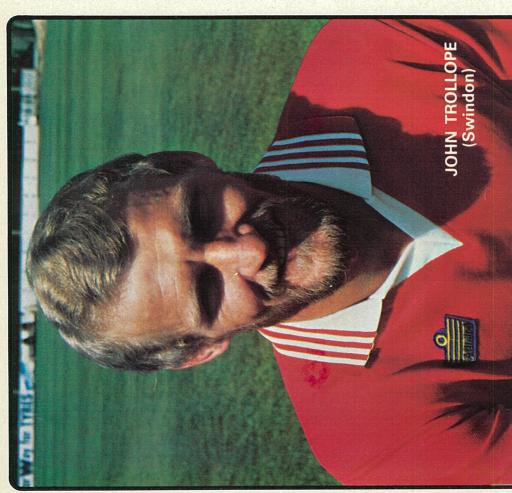
ANUARY 24th, 1970, was John Faulkner's big day. Incredibly, amateurs Sutton United had survived to the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup — and had to face League Champions Leeds on their own compact ground.

Faulkner proved their star defender and though, inevitably, brave Sutton crashed 6-0, Leeds thought highly enough of his showing

against them to sign him on as a pro. six weeks later.

Alas, though, the fairy-tale beginning had no comparable ending. For all his potential, Faulkner found the sudden transition to First Division football just too much at the time, and, after only two League games in two was released to Luton

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700 LEAGUE GAM FOR SAME CLUB

N THE second Saturday of this season, U John Trollope became only the fifth man in history to play 700 Football League games — and every one of them for Swindon.

That was 16 years after — though that time on the first Saturday — he made his debut for the club when, paired with another 17-year-old in Terry Wollen, they became the youngest full-back partnership ever to appear together

Early-season often seems to have some in the Football League.

significance for Trollope — for it was on the second Saturday of 1968-69 that he broke his arm at Hartlepool in his 368th consecutive League and Cup game, after being an everpresent for seven seasons.

But there was deserved reward for John Trollope, that model of one-club loyalty, when six months later he played a big part in the

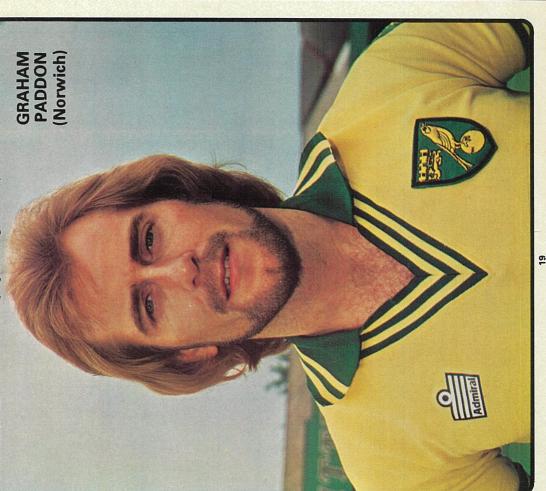
Third Divisioners' sensational 3-1 win, after extra time, over mighty Arsenal in the League Cup Final at Wembley

CHRISTMAS, 1976, was not a very happy one for Graham Paddon. He spent it in Norwich General Hospital after breaking a leg just a few weeks after his transfer from West

For Paddon, it was a "return home" because although born in Manchester, it was with Norwich that he made his mark.
His career with West Ham had its high-spots

— such as the 1975 F.A. Cup win against Fulham — but he was happy to go back to Carrow Road.

Then, during a game against Sunderland Paddon broke a leg which meant his comeback with The Canaries had to be delayed. It was a complete accident, yet Paddon was understandably bitterly disappointed at missing almost a year of his career.



Scottish Cup



Dixie Deans (left) helped Celtic to beat Hibernian 6-1 in the 1972 Scottish Cup Final at Hampden. The international striker scored a memorable hat-rick.

SIGNED PLAYERS FOR FINAL

The biggest shock in the Scottish Cup was probably the victory of Second Division East Fife in 1938, the only occasion a side from Division Two has won this trophy. One remarkable aspect of East Fife's victory over Kilmarnock in that season's Final was that their staff was so depleted by injuries they were forced to sign players specially for the Final. They secured Danny McKerrell from Falkirk and were able to hold The Killies to a draw 1-1. Then for the replay they had to sign John Harvey from Hearts, and in this game they beat Kilmarnock 4-2 with Danny McKerrell, who had never previously appeared in a Scottish Cup-tie prior to joining East Fife, getting three of their goals. The victorious East Fife team was: Milton; Laird, Tait; Russell, Sneddon, Harvey; Adams, McLeod, McCartney, Miller and McKerrell. Miller got The Fifers' other goal.

RANGERS BEAT THE RANGERS

Rangers, 19 times Cup-winners and the current holders beaten in the First Round for the dirst time in 30 years, and by a club from the other side of the border! Imagine what a turore that caused in 1966-67. Berwick Rangers were the club that caused this upset, the biggest shock for many a long day. Heroes of the little English club's 1-0 victory over the mighty "Gers" were player-manager Jock Wallace in goal, who had to be in his best form to help withstand non-stop pressure from the Light Blues, and goalscorer Sammy Reid. What a thrill it was for the record crowd of the standard of their dismay's winning goal beat Norrie Watson in the Rangers' goal. Rangers had geven internationals in their side that day and to add to their dismay Willie Johnston fractured his left ankle. Teams — Berwick Rangers: Wallace; Haig, Riddell; Craig, Coutts, Kilgannon; Lumsden, Reid, Christie, Dowds, Ainslie. Rangers: Martin; Johansen, Provan; Greig, McKinnon, Smith (D); Henderson, Smith (A), McLean, Forrest, Johnston (Wilson).

been a sensation when after creating a record which stands to this day they were beaten 3-1 by Dumbarton in the Quarter-Finals of 1883. Queen's Park's record up to that meeting was a run of 31 Scottish Cup-ties without defeat,

for after losing 1-0 to Rangers in the Quarter-

inals of 1879, they were unbeaten until Dum-

parton lowered their colours.

DEANS' HAT-TRICK

Queen's Park practically monopolised the Scottish Cup in its earliest days (winners six times in first nine seasons) so it must have

MONOPOLY

"FIRST" FOR BRITAIN

European Cup

As far as we are concerned at home one of the really big sensations of the European Cup was the first victory by a British team in the Final — Celtic 2, Internazionale 1, in Lisbon in 1967. The Italians had beaten Cup-holders Real Madrid in one of the earlier rounds and were probably the strongest defensively-minded team in Europe at that time. The question was could the Glasgow side break down that seemingly invincible and unflappable defensive set-up? It is soccer history how Celtic achieved their success, a Celtic side handicapped by the absence of Joe McBride against an Italian team without their general, Luis Suarez. The Scots had to overcome the shock of an early Italian goal scored with a penalty by Mazzola, but recover they did, and after the Internazionale goal had had several narrow escapes Tommy Gemmell shot the equaliser and with only five minutes to spare Steve Chalmers coolly forced home the

"FIRST" FOR ENGLAND

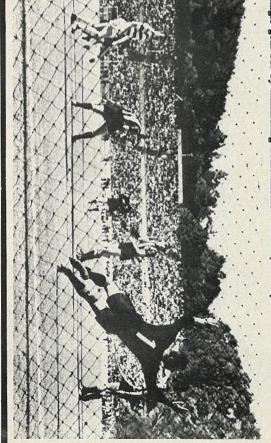
When the first win by an English team followed in 1968 it was possibly even more memorable because for one thing the Fival was played at Wembley, and because after 90 minutes Manchester United and Benfica were drawing 1-1. How United rubbed it in during extra-time, not by scraping through with a single goal but by hammering home another

three! The Wembley atmosphere was electric three! The Wembley atmosphere was electric when Bobby Charlton broke the early deadlock with a header after 53 minutes and the cheer must have matched the Hampden roar. But Benfica got an equaliser through Graca with 12 minutes left for play and only a sensational save by Alex Stepney from one of Eusebio's cracking drives allowed United through to extra-time. But then the tired United team really went to town. First George Best put them ahead and then Brian Kidd headed another before Bobby Charlton netted the fourth. After that everyone at Wembley both on and off the field felt exhausted.

BARCELONA BEATEN

When Leeds United became only the third British club to reach the European Cup Final in 1975 their great run was marred by the behaviour of many of their fans when their favourites were beaten 2-0 in Paris by Bayern Munich. The first sensation of that campaign was United's fine 2-1 victory over Barcelona (Johann Cruyff and all) in the first-leg of the Semi-Finals at Elland Road. Those were the first goals the Spanish side had conceded in the competition that season, Billy Bremner and Allan Clarke were the scorers. However, perhaps even more sensational was United's ground, thanks to a goal by Peter Lorimer, the draw being achieved despite the dismissal of Gordon McQueen.

In 1967, Celtic became the first British side to win the European Cup when they beat Inter Milan. Below, Tommy Gemmell's shot enters the net for the equaliser.



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6-1 — and the 1972 game produced the same score when Celtic thrashed Hibernian with Dixie Deans getting a hat-trick. Hibs were a goal down in two minutes, and although they

The Final of 1972 was outstanding because it produced the biggest victory in this event since

888. In that year Renton beat Cambuslang

equalised after 12 minutes there was never

nuch doubt where the Cup was going after Deans had headed the first of his goals in the





FOLLOWING the 25-to-one vote of the Irish Football Association (Belfast) to accept an invitation to talks from the Football Association of Ireland (Dublin) hopes are high that agreement can be reached on an All-Ireland team for inter-

national competition.

The last occasion players from North and South joined together in an official competitive game was on March 8, 1950, at Wrexham, when the I.F.A.'s Ireland team drew 0-0 with Wales in the

Ireland team drew 0-0 with Wales in the British Championship.

Four members of that team — Bud Ahearne, Con Martin, Reg Ryan and Davy Walsh — were Republic of Ireland internationals. Con Martin is the father of current Irish star Mick Martin.

In 1973, an All-Ireland XI played under the guise of a Shamrock Rovers XI and lost 3-4 to Brazil in Dublin. That game proved that an All-Ireland side — as in Rugby and hockey — would be formidable opposition for the top teams.

One man well-qualified to speak on

One man well-qualified to speak on the need — or otherwise — of an All-Ireland team is Arsenal manager Terry Neill, who won 59 caps with Northern Ireland and was player-manager and manager for a number of seasons.

'Sensible'

He took a very positive view when he spoke to SHOOT'S Dublin correspondent: "I'm very much for an All-Ireland XI. I think it's a logical, sensible attitude

to nave.
"I realise it's easy for me to say yes to
that but, on the administrative side,
there may be many other problems so I
wouldn't like to be glib about the whole thing.

white the begin about the whole thing.

"It works very well in virtually every other sport in the country and I think it would be a marvellous thing for the whole of Ireland — and particularly at the present time with the troubles in the North. I think it would have a beneficial effect there."

Questioned about the problems he faced as manager of Northern Ireland, he said: "When I took over I think we were just coming out of the dark ages, with all due respect to everything that had gone on previously.

"Peter Doherty to me was the father, the Godfather, of Northern Ireland international football. People like myself reaped the benefit of the battles he had fought for organisation, for a professional set up, etc.

he had fought for organisation, for a professional set up, etc.
"We always had problems. We always had a lack of players, so we always had problems that way. But we compensated in other ways. The togetherness we had was something tremendous. We were always the underdogs battling against the odds."

The majority of players North and South are certainly in favour of one feam.

THERE'S been a lot of talk in recent years about the Euro footballer—the man who's willing to trade his skills across the Continent with the advent of the Common Market.

But what about the Euro soccer supporter? There isn't such a thing you may say.

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Well, that's what we thought until we came across Chris Rhys, a Welshman now working in London as a freelance journalist.

Chris is a football fan, but he'd be hard pushed to tell you his favourite English club. Mind you, he can tell you about the best strikers in France, goal-scoring feats in Germany, the quality of play in Belgium and Holland, the atmosphere of a Yugoslavian crowd, and the quaintness of a ground which is bounded on one side by a forest and on the ofher by the Adriatic.

You see, Chris really is a European soccer fan. In each of the last three years Chris has managed to arrange a sort of working holiday which enables him to pursue his first love — football.

On his way back from the Continent he takes in the odd game — like this year when he saw eight matches in nine days on his way home from Yugoslavia.

This was how the 750-mile trip went — potential soccer package holidaymakers please note:

SATURDAY: PARTIZAN (BEL-GRADE) 1, RADNICKINIS 0

Chris didn't actually go to this game — but watched it on Yugoslavian Tele-

vision's equivalent to Match of the

SUNDAY: RIJEKA 1, OLYMPIA LJUBLJANA 0

An afternoon game at the ground Chris describes as perhaps the most beautiful he's ever seen. On one side of the ground a cliff reaching 200 feet into the sky, on the other the Adriatic only 20 yards or so from the ground.

"A crowd of only around 5,000 but the locals have all their favourite spots in the stand, and after the game they go and sit on the beach drinking beer," he says.

MONDAY: A day off ... apart from driving through the Alps — and dodging the toll roads.

TUESDAY: On to Austria for a First Division game INNSBRUCK 1, AUSTRIA VIENNA 1

An English style ground which is next door to the stadium where John Curry won his gold medal for ice-skating. In fact, behind one of the goals is the Olympic ski jump — a fabulous setting all round.

setting all round.
WEDNESDAY: STUTTGART 1,
HAMBURGER SV 2
A sight of Kevin Keegan, and our old
SHOOT friend had a good game as
Hamburger maintained their position
at the top of the Bundesliga in front of
a full house 71,000.

THURSDAY: Another day off - time for a spot of sun.

FRIDAY: NANCY 4, RHEIMS 1

A look at the fabulous Michel Plat-tini who scores twice, once from a superb free-kick — his speciality. "The best player I have seen for years. This was a fine game," says Chris.

Chris.

SATURDAY: SAARBRUCKEN 1, COLOGNE 0

A real shock this one, with the great Dieter Muller, scorer of six goals only a few days before, completely blotted out by the underdogs.

It's still Saturday — but a quick dash through Luxembourg on to Brussels just in time to pick up the World Cup qualifier.

A stroll for the Belgians with Raoul Lambert scoring early on, and Van Binst, Van Der Ekst and Couurant also getting in on the act.

SUNDAY: Back to the Hook of Holland and what a finish to the trip,
AJAX 2, FEYENOORD 2
And a sight here of Feyenoord's new
centre-forward Clyde Best — yes, the
same, and a little slimmer than in his
West Ham days.

Quite a trip then and possible for any ardent soccer follower with a car.
Chris's final thought: "It's amazing how the Continental crowds have picked up the British chants "We are the Champions" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."
Who knows we may have klaxon horns and whistles on English grounds yet!

SWINDON'S 34-year-old defender John Trollope made his 800th League and Cup appearance for the club at home to Chesterfield on September 10th. Swindon won 2-1.

SEVENTEEN-year-old midfielder Terry Wilson, freed by Aston Villa, recently signed for Cowdenbeath.

BRISTOL CITY'S popular ex-goalkeeper Mike Gibson is back with the club after an absence of five years. He has joined the staff as part-time coach.

Scoring start

WREXHAM, so close last season to Second Division soccer for the first time in their history, quickly collec-ted a little known distinction this

Although losing by 2-1 at Shrews-bury, they scored on the opening day for the 11th successive year —

Incidentally, Wrexham's last goal-less start was in a Fourth Division home draw with Exeter City.



SOUTHAMPTON believe the signing of £140,000 Phil Boyer from Norwich has created a piece of soccer history.

Boyer, of course, is reunited with his old pal Ted MacDougall (above) at The Dell

That makes four clubs the pair have played at together ... York, Bournemouth, Norwich are, of course, the

Saints have scratched their heads, but can't remember any other pair of players doing this.

SCOTLAND'S World Cup squad will be on a record-breaking bonus of £15,000 to qualify for the Finals in Argentina.

HASLAM **GETS TOUGH**

LUTON TOWN manager "Happy" Harry Haslam won't be smiling if his players get into trouble on the field this

He's warned them that being sent-off in a League game will cost them £50, irrespective of F.A. disciplinary action — and the fine for any player booked for showing dissent will be £25.

BOB HATTON'S (right) five minute hat-

That was also at Orient in those days

were by Jimmy Scarth (Gillingham) in a

That d Division (South) 3-2 home win in

November, 1952

Third Division (South) 3-2 home win in November, 1952.
Scarth's goals spanned only two minutes, 15 seconds.
More recently, Notts County winger lan Scanlon beat the three minute barrier by 15 seconds — against Sheffield Wednesday in November, 1974.



Dream for Dave

HULL CITY club-captain Dave Roberts has had one of those amazing swings in fortune that makes soccer such a great game.
Twelve months ago he thought he

was finished when he went in hospital for a back operation. But he started

for a back operation. But he started training again last February, played six games for Hull City and caught the eye of Welsh team-manager Mike Smith.

The result was he played as sub against England in the fantastic 1-0 victory and was on for the full game in the 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland.

Now the 27 - year - old Southamptonborn centre-back has started the new season with two goals in his first game — his first goals for three years — and he is an established member of the Welsh squad as they tone up for the World Cup battles ahead with Czechoslovakia and Scotland.

Says Dave: "It's like a dream after all the pain and worry of last season."



ASTON VILLA manager Ron ASTON VILLA manager Ron Saunders recently agreed to referee a Charity match between Villa old stars skippered by Johnny Dixon, who led them when they last won the F.A. Cup in 1957, and West Brom captained by Ray Fairfax.

But during the game injury to one of the Villa Old Stars forced Ron to give up his refereeing to "transfer" himself to the team for the remainder of the match.

 Here Ron is seen in a tussle with West Brom's Stan Jones.

Coleraine-Blues Clash

SATURDAY'S (October 8) Coleraine-Linfield clash, at the Showgrounds, could well decide the outcome of this season's Ulster Cup competition.

Both sides won four and drew one of

their opening five games in the tournament and looked set to make a strong bid for the trophy. This weekend's meeting will be the first encounter between the two teams since Coleraine slammed The Blues 4-1 in last season's Irish Cup Final.

THE SECOND Scottish Programme Fair will be held at the McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow on Sunday (October 9th). The Fair will kick-off at 11 a.m. and close at 4.00 p.m. and will feature an exhibition of rare and historic programmes and football items of interest (caps, Cups, jerseys and badges etc). Main event will be the sale of a large variety of programmes and souvenirs by dealers from England and Scotland.

Admission is 20p.

"BANNED" FIVE HAVE MOVED ON

AS YOU all know, the Scottish F.A. have lifted their "life" ban on the five players they suspended after the infamous Copenhagen Nightclub Incident two years ago.

However, quite a lot has happened to the five individuals concerned in that unhappy episode: Billy Bremner, Arthur Graham, Willie Young, Joe Harper and Pat McCluskey. Did you notice that none of these players is still with the club he played for at the time of the suspen-

Bremner has moved from Leeds to Hull; Graham has gone from Aberdeen to Leeds; Young has done a double shift from Aberdeen to Spurs and he is now with Arsenal; Harper has been transferred from Hibs to The Dons and Pat McCluskey recently joined Dumbarton from Celtic.

SCOUTS FLOCK TO SEE YOUNG GILLS

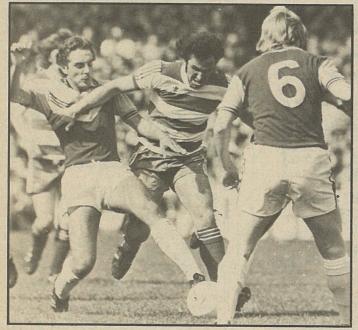


FIRST DIVISION scouts will be flocking

FIRST DIVISION scouts will be flocking to Gillingham this season — and just for a change it's not a striker they'll be after. The prince in manager Gerry Summers' pack is left-back Gary Armstrong (above). This youngster from the East End of London won admiration when he came into the side last season, and as he matures with every game the offers are sure to flood in. Watch out, too, for teenager Billy Hughes, the youngest player ever to wear the Gillingham first team colours. He's also destined for a fine future.

WHEN Queen of the South held Hibs to a 0-0 draw at Palmerston Park, to win 2-1 on aggregate and go into the Sec-ond Round of the Scottish League Cup, veteran 'keeper Allan Ball made his 600th appearance for the Dumfries cub since he joined them in 1963 from Stanley United.

WINGPR DAY I



WITHOUT doubt the greatest enigma of last season was the form of Queens Park Rangers.

After losing out to Liverpool at the final hurdle in the Championship race in 1975-76, they were confidently expected to figure as front-runners again. But instead they struggled against the theory of they struggled against the threat of relegation.

And this term, under new manager Frank Sibley, they haven't exactly taken the First Division by storm.

Manager Sibley believes the main reason for Q.P.R.'s failure to land a trophy during the past two campaigns was due to lack of determination.

Several excuses were put forward at the time — pitches that didn't suit their style — injuries, notably to Gerry Francis (above), the want-away attitude of Don

Givens and the increasing strain on ageing defenders like Frank McLintock and David Webb.

"It's great playing the sort of pure, open football we epitomise, but we must recognise that in some matches we have to fight," says Frank.

"One of our priorities this season is to learn to tackle each match differently, according to our opponents. We must become more adaptable.

"We have one of the best footballing staffs in the country at Loftus Road, which makes last season's position all the more ridiculous - I imagine Derby County feel the same way — so there is no reason why we shouldn't do well enough to play our way back into Europe, by ending near the top this term."

BORO BLOCK MOVE

NEWCASTLE UNITED manager Richard Dinnis thought he had his first signing lined up. Scottish international Graeme Souness was unsettled at Middlesbrough and the club had spent big on two new players.

Dinnis believed a £200,000 bid would prove a big temptation, particularly with

the former Spurs player keen on a move to Tyneside.

So it was a blow when Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer announced: "Souness is staying. We are building, not selling, a side

Sore fans

THREE 15-year-old schoolboys cycled the round journey of 240 miles to watch Southend play at Northampton in a First Round League Cup-tie on August 16th. Kevin Hogg and Mark Pearson of Southend High School, and David Milne, of Deanes Comprehensive, could not raise the peach target 62 500 each

not raise the coach fares of £2.50p each.
Their bikes provided the answer. On
the first day they cycled to Ely. Next
day they covered the final stage to Northampton.

Explained Mark: "We tried to raise

money by doing odd jobs such as washing cars and trimming gardens, but work was scarce. We didn't wish to trouble people by hitch-hiking, so we cycled."

Their blistered hands and saddle soreness were worthwhile. They were given three stand tickets. They might have been more comfortable standing

Southend lost - and it poured with rain for their return journey

MALCOLM MACDONALD



T'S true Malcolm has had his share of disappointments, particularly at Wembley with Newcastle and England, but any man who can score five goals in an international as he did against Cyprus must be worth another go.

Ask nearly every manager in the First Division which striker he fears most and he will answer: "Malcolm Macdonald"

"Malcolm Macdonald".

The most consistent goalscorer over the past few seasons with Newcastle and Arsenal, Supermac is the sort who can strike fear into the hearts of a defence.

The Continentals are amazed England don't pick him because his swashbuckling type

always cause them panic.

With two good wingers providing the service he needs Malcolm could yet prove England's saviour.

THE Aston Villa "eel" has tended to take second place to Andy Gray in the Midlands, but make no mistake about it he is a very sharp customer in his own right.

Brian burst sensationally, but briefly, on to the England scene. He proved himself a man for the big occasion but since then he has never had the opportunity to don the white shirt of

his country again.

His goals led Villa back to Division One, and last season he clinched the League Cup with a brilliant example of goal poaching against

Everton.

With his deceptive speed and body swerve Brian is a menace to any side, and can count himself unlucky not to have had more chances at international level.





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As England go into their vital World Cup-tie in Luxembourg next week beset by problems in a depressing year of sad results, one deficiency stands out above the rest . . .

THE INABILITY TO SCORE GOALS

N the good old days we had Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Charlton, Geoff Hurst, Bobby Smith. Even the likes of Derek Kevan and Gerry Hitchens could generally be relied upon to hit the target.

But today's strikers, no matter how consistent in the League, seem totally incapable of producing the goods in an England jersey. Examine last season's results if you want any proof. A Stuart Pearson goal was all we could manage in the 1-1 draw with the Republic of Ireland.

We were expected to get a sackful in the World Cup matches against Finland, and certainly did well in Scandinavia with four of the best.

But when the Finns came to Wembley they proved a source of embarrassment as only Dennis Tueart and Joe Royle found a

Goalless against Italy and Holland we went into the British Championship looking for a morale booster, but after a sketchy win

in Belfast against Northern Ireland, we failed to score against Wales and had only a Mike Channon goal to cheer in a 2-1 defeat by the old enemy Scotland. Even that was a

penalty.

On to South America, and despite more encouraging results we still managed only one goal, Stuart Pearson's near post header against Argentina.

Oh, yes, we forgot the five-goal frolic against Luxembourg, but then anything less than that would have been unthinkable. And to cap it all we've just failed again — against the Swiss.

So who are the players who can get England back on the goal standard?

Surely someone, somewhere among the 2,000 professional footballers playing in our League every Saturday could make a name for himself.

Here are just half-a-dozen of the best

Here are just half-a-dozen of the best sharp-shooters in the business who could be the answer to Ron Greenwood's prayers.

PETER WITHE



THE surprise-packet of the current season.
But you can't say we didn't tell you. Almost
a year ago SHOOT carried an article extolling
the virtues of this big, strong striker — and it
was the former England manager Don Revie
who was telling of his personal admiration for
Wishe Withe

Forest's bearded number nine has had a strange sort of career, and one can't help

thinking he's matured very late.

After not particularly distinguished service with Barrow, Southport and Wolves he moved on to Birmingham City, apparently one of soccer's misfits.

At times Peter could look exasperatingly out of his depth. At other times he would look a world beater.

Without doubt moving to Nottingham Forest was the best thing he ever did. Brian Clough, ironically a man who could also have scored a lot of goals for England but for injury, has got the best out of Withe.

Scoring at a rate of almost a-goal-a-game Peter has spearheaded Forest's promotion, and now their encouraging start to the present season. Could he do the same for England? We wonder.

DUNCAN MCKENZIE

NE of the greatest goalscoring talents in NE of the greatest goalscoring talents in the game — yet strangely enigmatic.

Love him or hate him — you certainly won't

ignore Duncan.

The general concensus of opinion seems to be the fans adore him. His sparkling audacity in everything he does marks McKenzie as a player of quality and style. He can make breathtaking runs, bewilder defences with flicks and feints beyond the normal human being - and he scores goals regularly.

But because he is so different, so unpredictable, a succession of managers have decided they'd get on better without him.

Duncan finds it hard fitting into a team pattern, and over a 42-game season his presence may seem a luxury to some managers.

One can't help feeling though that in the oneoff situation of an international match, it's that very spark of individuality which can swing a game one way or the other. The Wembley stage may be big enough for this particular actor.





FTER a nightmare start to his days in the A FTER a nightmare start to his day hankin is famous vest of Leeds United, Ray Hankin is now very much in business.

When your employers have splashed out £180,000 for your services, the last thing you want is a knee injury which leads to talk of you being a crock, a dud and a fraud.

Ray had to turn his cheek to all these insults as Leeds battled on for over half-a-season without him.

Sitting it out week after week probably makes Ray appreciate all the more the start he's made this season.

A confidence-boosting pre-season tour of Norway, Holland and Belgium put him in good heart, and goals on each of the first four Saturdays of the season, had him bubbling

Particularly powerful in the air this former Burnley striker is now staking his claim to become the 15th international on the Leeds'

PETER WARD



BERHAPS the most exciting of our six sharpshooters if only because he's the least known, and the newest hope.

It's incredible to think Peter didn't even make his League debut until the closing weeks of the 1975-76 season.

Since then he has emerged as a genuine contender for England honours, scoring with a refreshing consistency, and leading Brighton back to the Second Division.

Peter is already being compared with the mercurial Jimmy Greaves and when the people drawing those comparisons include lan St. John, Dave Sexton and Alan Mullery you're bound to listen.

The similarity in stature makes comparisons all the more poignant, and after Peter's extra-ordinary hat-trick start in the Under-21 side, more and more people will be impatient to see if we really have found a new Greaves — a new England hero.

We put this intriguing question to four players—selected at random—who have played against Liverpool with Kevin—and without him this



For example, Keegan has to be inside the penalty-area to score goals — he has to be close in to goal to put the ball into the net, and is not the sort of player who can slam in a strong shot from

outside the box.

But Kenny Dalglish is dangerous inside and out of the penalty-area. As well as the ability to be in the right place at the right time in front of goal, he is capable of scoring from outside the box.

Of course, when Kevin left Anfield, the question was whether the man who took his place would fit in with the Liverpool style and Kenny certainly has. In approach play and all-round ability, both Keegan and Dalglish are first-class, yet I believe Kenny has the edge here in addition to his

finishing.

And my assessment is based on appearing against Kevin Keegan when John Toshack was also in the Liverpool line-up — I've not yet come up against a Dalglish-Toshack combination. But, finally, I would sum up by saying Liverpool are not weakened by Kevin's departure, and Kenny is worth every penny of the fee they paid for him.

from anywhere — Keegan has to be at close range. And in assessing work-rate, Kenny gives 150 per cent, because what he does off the ball is incredible - he knows exactly what is going on around him at all times, combining this with a great positional sense.

work-rate, and he can score goals

If Kevin has any advantage, it might be heading ability, and Dalg-lish is aware this is not one of his strong points. But Kenny is work-

ing at improving this particular aspect of his game.

Yet I think Dalglish has the advantage over Keegan in everyadvantage over Keegan in everything else, including getting more goals over a season. Though I'm not certain whether Kenny is better as a striker or as a midfield player. He has all the qualities necessary to control the game from the middle of the park, such as his distribution and ability to read the play — and he can be equally effective in a role up-front, where quick thinking and finishing where quick thinking and finishing skill are needed.

And from Liverpool's point of view, he has not found any difficulty in settling down at Anfield—he has fitted in so well Kevin Keegan has not really been missed

Kevin Keegan, Liverpool are even better-equipped this season to take the top honours. Although the players

interviewed did stress Kenny Dalglish and Kevin are different types of players, so a comparison is a little unfair

missing Kevin Keegan?

Clive Woods (Ipswich)

BELIEVE Kevin Keegan will be missed by Liverpool this sea-son — Kevin has so many things going for him his absence must make itself felt, even though Kenny Dalglish has replaced him at

Anfield.

Both Keegan and Dalglish are world-class, and I'm not trying to take anything from Kenny, who I played against at Ipswich when he scored Liverpool's goal in the 1-1 draw. To curl the ball the way he did, just under the bar, was either

a demonstration of great skill — or just plain luck! And in Kenny's case, I believe he meant to do it.

But good as Dalglish is, I can't take him over Keegan. Kevin is a tremendous worker, always buzzing around with great effect, and perhaps his biggest asset is of lifting his team's morale. He used to infect Liverpool with his own enthusiasm, and he just never

gave up.

Of course, Kenny achieves things in his own way, moves the ball around accurately and simply, and does not try anything too difficult. He links up well with Steve Heighway and Jimmy Case,

whereas Keegan used to be at his most dangerous with big John Toshack. To me, Dalglish and Keegan are different types, each working in his own way, for the benefit of the team. But Kevin was such a key player

for Liverpool over an extended period it will be difficult for any player to measure up to his standard - though Kenny Dalglish could be ahead of him in goal-

scoring.

Terry Hibbitt (Birmingham)

FROM the tremendous start Kenny Dalglish made for Liverpool, it seems certain he will capably fill the gap left by Kevin Keegan. Any player who can arrive at a club as Kenny did, with a huge transfer fee to be justified, then settle in so quickly, obviously has what it takes to succeed.

So, I don't think Kevin will be missed. He had some great seasons with Liverpool, and was a real individualist. Dalglish, on the other hand, I would rate as a better team man, more ready to link up with

the others.

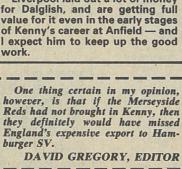
When it comes to goalscoring, Keegan could score clever goals with his head, and I'm not yet sure how good Kenny is in the air. But Dalglish is obviously a goalscorer, as he has already proved at Liverpool — and he is also very talented in midfield. Probably, he will play more up-front at Anfield, and drop further back in away matches.

But both players are alike from the point of view of effectiveness — they get very much involved in the play and are not afraid of accepting responsibility. If anything, Kevin is more unpredictable, ready to set off on solo runs or try

things on his own, but Kenny also has plenty to offer with his con-structive work and match-winning finishing.

Liverpool laid out a lot of money for Dalglish, and are getting full of Kenny's career at Anfield - and I expect him to keep up the good

One thing certain in my opinion,





a period of five years was an impor-tant factor in Liverpool's success story. It remains to be seen whether Kenny can equal, let alone surpass, Kevin's achievements.

Another important point to bear in mind is that Kevin's consistency over

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1976 UEFA CUP

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compiled by John Pyke

CAN Everton overtake city rivals Liverpool this season? The last time the Blues topped their Anfield neighbours was in the 1969-70 season — then Everton were the League Champions. Gordon Lee stepped in as manager at Goodison Park at the end of January, 1977, and if recent results this season are a good form guide, then Everton supporters can feel jus-tified in saying the "The wind of change" will soon be sweeping over the Mersey city.

Last December, former manager Billy Bing-

ham paid £200,000 for Duncan McKenzie from Anderlecht. When Gordon Lee became boss the Anderlecht. When Gordon Lee became boss the signing looked risky as McKenzie had a spell out of the side. But this season Duncan is playing the brilliant football that everyone knows he is capable of.

Soon after taking over the reins, Lee signed Mike Pejic from Stoke City (£140,000). Then in the summer he added winger Dave Thomas (£200,000) from Q.P.R., and paid £150,000 for goalkeeper George Wood from Blackpool.

Duncan McKenzie (below, left) raises an arm after scoring Everton's first goal in last term's F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Liverpool. The Goodison Park club were beaten 3-0 in a replay.



GROUND: Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL

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COLOURS:

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trim down sleeves. Shorts: White with blue trim

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Manager Gordon Lee is the man entrusted with steering Everton to possible honours this season. As a player with Aston Villa he won a League Cup winners' medal in 1961 and a runners-up medal in the same competition two seasons later. Lee left Villa in 1966 after a ten year stay and played at Shrewsbury for two seasons.

Appointed manager of Port Vale in 1968 he guided them to promotion to Division Three in 1971. In 1973 he took over at Blackburn. Then in 1975, Blackburn won the Third Division Championship and Lee won that Division's Manager of the Year award.

The same year Lee moved on to Newcastle and steered them to the League Cup Final in 1976. Accepted the Everton offer in January, 1977, and another League Cup Final appearance at Wembley.

THE EVERTON RECORD **SINCE** 1960-61

(C—League Champions; P—Promoted; R—Relegated; W—Winners; F—Finalists; S/F—Semi-Finalists; Q/F—Quarter-Finalists; E—European Cup; C—Cup-Winners' Cup; U—U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC—Did not

compete)					
	SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Placing	F.A.CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
	1960-61	1 - 5th	3rd	5th	DNC
	1961-62	1 - 4th	5th	DNC	DNC
	1962-63	1 - 1st (C)	5th	DNC	1st (U)
	1963-64	1 - 3rd	5th	DNC	Prelim (E)
	1964-65	1 - 4th	4th	DNC	DNC
	1965-66	1 - 11th	W	DNC	DNC
	1966-67	1 - 6th	Q/F	DNC	2nd (C)
	1967-68	1 - 5th		3rd	DNC
	1968-69	1 - 3rd	S/F	4th	DNC
	1969-70	1 - 1st (C)	3rd	4th	DNC
	1970-71	1 - 14th	S/F	DNC	Q/F (E)
	1971-72	1 - 15th	5th	2nd	DNC
	1972-73	1 - 17th	4th	2nd	DNC
	1973-74	1 - 7th	4th	3rd	DNC
	1974-75	1 - 4th	5th	2nd	DNC
	1975-76	1 - 11th	3rd	4th	1st (U)
	1976-77	1 - 9th	S/F	F	DNC



George Wood (left) joined the club from Blackpool. Martin Dobson (right) cost £300,000 when signed from Burnley

RECORD VICTORY: 11-2 v Derby County, F.A Cup, First Round, 1889-90

RECORD DEFEAT: 4-10 v Tottenham, Divi sion One, October 11th,

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON: 66 in Division One, 1969

LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON: Dixie Dean 60 in Division One, 1927-28.



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BACK ROW (left to right): Mike Lyons, Bob Latchford, David Smallman, Jim Pearson, Ken McNaught (now Aston Villa), Mike Bernard (now Oldham). MIDDLE ROW: Bruce Rioch, Ron Goodlass, Andy King, Martin Dobson, Dai Davies (now Wrexham), Dave Lawson, Andy Brand, Terry Darracott, George Telfer, Duncan McKenzie. FRONT ROW: Mike Pejic, Mick Buckley, Steve Seargeant, Dave Jones, Roger Kenyon, Mark Higgins, Neil Robinson.





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PEN-PICTURES

(L.App:— League Appearances; S:— Substitutes; G:— Goals. All records to end of the 1976-77 season.)

BUCKLEY: Midfield player who has won England Under-23 honours since signing professional in June, 1971. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.10 L.App:— 116 and 7 sub. G:— 8.

DARRACOTT: Local defender who was an apprentice with the club before signing professional in July, 1968. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.6. L.App:— 112 and 9 sub.

MARTIN DOBSON: Midfielder who was once given a free transfer by Bolton and then became the first ever £300,000 cash transfer when he joined from Burnley in August, 1974. An England Under-23 international who has five full caps. Born Blackburn. Ht. 5.113/4. Wt. 11.8. L.App:— Burnley 220 and 3 sub, Everton 112. G:— Burnley 42, Everton 18.

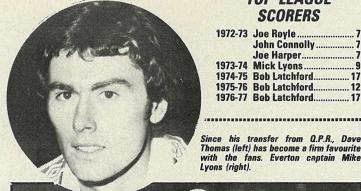
RON GOODLASS: Winger who developed through the club to sign professional in July, 1971. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.12. L.App:— 31 and 3 sub.

DAVID JONES: Outstanding young defender who played in England's first ever Under-21 match in the 1976-77 season. Signed professional in May, 1974. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.7. L.App:— 39 and 2 sub.

ROGER KENYON: Central-defender who signed profes-sional in August, 1966. Roger was in the England squad in 1975, but injury restricted his League appearances to 14 last season. Born Blackpool. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.8. L.App:— 243 and 14 sub. G:— 6.

ANDY KING: Midfielder who scored twice in his second game for Everton after his transfer from Luton Town for £35,000 in March, 1976. An England Under-21 international. Born Luton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.13. L.App:— Luton 30 and 3 sub, Everton 39 and 1 sub, G:— Luton 9, Everton 9.

BOB LATCHFORD: Striker and top League scorer at Everton since his £350,000 transfer from Birmingham in a player-exchange deal in February, 1974. An England Under-23 international. Born Birmingham. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L.App:— Birmingham 158 and 2 sub, Everton 116. G:— Birmingham 68, Everton 53.



TOP LEAGUE **SCORERS**

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	John Connolly	7
	Joe Harper	
1973-7	4 Mick Lyons	9
1974-7	5 Bob Latchford	17
	6 Bob Latchford	
	7 Bob Latchford	

Since his transfer from Q.P.R., Dave Thomas (left) has become a firm favourite with the fans. Everton captain Mike Lyons (right).



MIKE LYONS: Defender who can also score goals, one goal coming in the second replay of the League Cup Final last season. An England Under-23 international who signed professional in July, 1969. Born Liverpool. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.2. L.App:- 154 and 18 sub. G:-

DUNCAN McKENZIE: Brilliant striker signed from Belgium club Anderlecht for £200,000 in December, 1976. Before moving abroad Leeds paid £250,000 when they signed him from Nottingham Forest and he cost Anderlecht £200,000. Born Luton. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.3. L.App:— Nottim. For. 105 and 6. sub, Mansfield (loan) 6, Leeds 64 and 2 sub, Anderlecht 30, Everton 20. G:— Nottm. For. 41, Mansfield (loan) 7, Leeds 27, Anderlecht 16, Everton 5.

JIM PEARSON: Striker or midfielder who cost £100,000 when signed from St. Johnstone in May, 1974. A Scottish Under-23 international. Born Falkirk. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L.App:— St. Johnstone 96 and 9 sub, Everton 55 and 9 sub. G:— St. Johnstone 39, Everton 12.

MIKE PEJIC: Defender who cost Everton £140,000 when signed from Stoke City in February, 1977. An England Under-23 international and has four full caps. Born Chesterton. Ht. 5.6.

Wt. 10.5. L.App:— Stoke 274, Everton 17, G:— Stoke 6, Ever-

BRUCE RIOCH: Midfielder who has won First, Third and Fourth **Division Championship medals** Division Championship medals in his career. Joined Everton for a £180,000 fee in December, 1976, from Derby County. Has skippered Scotland in the past two seasons and has 19 full caps. Born Aldershot. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.5. L.App:— Luton 147 and 1 sub, Aston Villa 149 and 6 sub, Derby 106 Everton 22 sub, Derby 106, Everton 22. G:— Luton 47, Aston Villa 34, Derby 34, Everton 2.

GEORGE TELFER: Striker who signed professional in August, 1972. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.5. L.App:— 63 and 10 sub. G:— 17.

DAVE THOMAS: Striker who signed for Everton in August, 1977, for a £200,000 fee. An England Under-23 international who has won eight full caps. Born Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 9.13. L.App:— Burnley 152 and 4 sub, Q.P.R. 181 and 1 sub. G:— Burnley 19, Q.P.R. 29.

GEORGE WOOD: A £150,000 goalkeeper signing on the same day in August, 1977, that Thomas moved to Goodison Park. Born Douglas. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.0. L.App:— East Stirling 22, Blackpool 117.



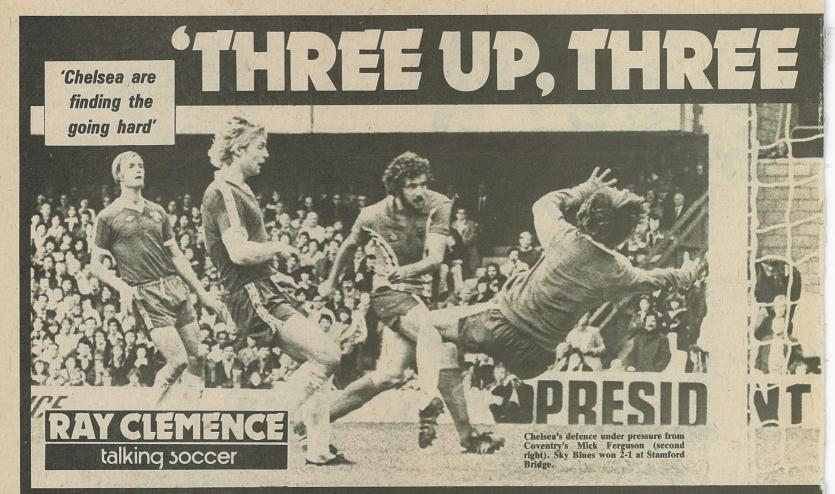
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GOOD start to the season is A important enough for First Division sides capable of achieving success and getting amongst the honours. But for those newly-promoted, with the threat of a fight for survival among the top twenty-two, it's probably absolutely essential.

Even so, a bright, points-gathering "kick-off" in the 42-match marathon is no guarantee they will avoid a rapid return from where they came. It happened to Carlisle in 1974-75.

Our visitors to Anfield this Saturday, Chelsea, are already finding the going hard, and from what I've seen of them, face the prospect of relegation.

They are discovering, as many have done before, there's a world of difference between the First and Second Divisions. The First is faster, with a higher level of skill.

Defenders make fewer mistakes, while attackers are quicker to take advantage of goal-chances.

When I saw the London Blues before our League Cup match, they looked overawed by the occasion, out of their depth.

It was understandable, of course. They're predominantly a young side, comparatively inexperienced, and Anfield can be an ordeal for even the most hardened professional.

The sign above our players' tun-nel: "This is Anfield" is meant to impress on visitors they are about to step out into a stadium where foot-ball history has been made. Most teams come to Anfield with

a defensive formation, but Chelsea concentrated entirely on trying to prevent us scoring. I didn't have a



'Peter Shilton a great 'keeper'

single shot to save. Not that I'm

complaining.

They had nine men back, with only one up, and failed to change their tactics after we had opened our account with a goal from our new signing Kenny Dalglish, his fourth for Liverpool.

When a team is a goal down it must have the ability to peg one back, and this is something Chelsea lack at the moment. Often they had possession, yet failed to create a single move to put my goal in danger.

Ray "Butch" Wilkins is having to carry too big a burden of responsibility for a lad of his age and experience. He suffers mainly because he has only one "old hand", Ron Harris, to advise him and set an example.

Jimmy Case scored our second goal which put us through to the League Cup Third Round, while Chelsea were at least able to take consolation in having added to their experience, plus the knowledge they could concentrate fully on getting points — until they join in the F.A. Cup competition in January.

Without that uplifting start to the season and a healthy six or seven points in the "bank", Chelsea are consigned to a nerve-wracking, week-in-week-out battle for the points that will ensure they remain in the First Division.

In the First Division.

In contrast, their fellow newcomers, Wolves and Nottingham
Forest, have good reason to be
optimistic about passing the survival course. Both have done well so
far. Unlike Chelsea, they possess
players with First Division backgrounds and a good blend of old and young.

Forest have made the biggest

impact, topping the table at one stage, and shocking some of the best sides. I have associations with one of their players: Larry Lloyd, a former Liverpool team-mate who stepped up into the Anfield first team at the same time as I did. Their captain is John McGovern, a hard-grafting midfielder, who fol-

lowed manager Brian Clough from Derby to Leeds and then Forest. Mr. Clough is also reunited with Archie Gemmill, assistant-manager Peter Taylor and coach Jimmy Gordon.

Mr. Clough has concentrated mainly on building a secure defence, strengthening it even more by paying out £270,000 for a new goalkeeper, Peter Shilton from Stoke. Critics have said it's an exorbitant amount for a 'keeper. exorbitant amount for a 'keeper. But I disagree. Peter, my deputy in the England set-up, is a great professional, and now he's back in the First will be pushing hard to get the England jersey off me.

I've heard very good reports of Forest's black number two, Viv Anderson, an adventurous defender who has the scoring knack.

Up-front are two other promising

Up-front are two other promising newcomers, John Robertson and Tony Woodcock, who combine very well with Peter Withe, a Liverpoolborn lad who has been around the

born lad who has been around the soccer scene for a long time. The way things are shaping, he could become a big name at Forest.

I've never yet had a long conversation with Mr. Clough, although l've been in his company after games, but I get the impression from what I've read and heard about him he's not the type to be satisfied with merely ending the season in a safe mid-table position in preparation for an assault on top honours next term. honours next term.
I suspect he has his sights on

gaining Forest a place in a European competition.

So of the three promoted sides, I can only see amongst them one candidate for relegation — Chelsea — although I hope it doesn't hap-pen. They — like Spurs who look, likely to bounce back at the first attempt — have a tradition and ground which deserve First Division football.

And they had an encouraging boost when they beat Manchester United at Old Trafford.

I believe the three up, three down system, introduced for season 1973-74 has been good for our football. It has stimulated interest. Proof are the crowd figures for endof-season games involving sides fighting to avoid the drop.

Coventry City, who have never challenged for the Championship since coming up in season 1967-68, but have performed several escape acts in that period, had a full-house for their final game against fellow relegation-fighters Bristol City.

As it turned out, Sunderland, playing at the same time, and in the same plight, lost to Everton and went down.

Of course, there's a tendency for teams to find themselves too good

for the Second, but not too good for the First, and to rebound from one to the other.

The system certainly does, however, put extra pressure on managers, and the casualty rate has increased because of it.

Best side I've seen since its introduction are Manchester United, with their bright, thrustful style. However, I'm sceptical of their boast that they play with two wing-ers. When they attack, Gordon Hill and Steve Coppell join in with front-men Pancho Pearson and Jimmy Greenhoff, but fall back to reinforce the defence otherwise.

So I wouldn't say Gordon and Steve were being used as conventional wingers. Stevie Heighway is, though. We always keep him well

One reason is because in the past he's dropped back and given a couple of penalties away!

He's more than compensated for them, I hasten to add.

Queens Park Rangers ranked only a shade behind United, playing in the Continental way with Don Givens and Stan Bowles up-front, pulling defenders wide to create gaps for midfielders such as Gerry Francis.



The most ill-equipped side to join the First was Carlisle, a small club with a squad of only around 16 players, no reserve side, and situated in a comparatively thinlypopulated area.

Without revenue from big gates, Carlisle found it impossible to go out and buy the quality players needed to bolster their team.

To some extent, Chelsea are in this situation, burdened with a heavy debt incurred through building an expensive stand.

I can't see them leaving Anfield on Saturday with even one point unless they approach the game with a different attitude and alter their

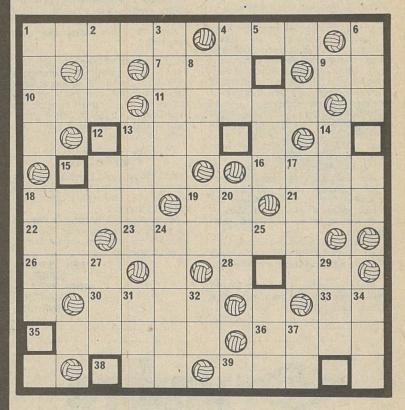
The following day I'll no doubt be teaming-up with Chelsea skipper Ray Wilkins when we report for

England duty against Luxembourg. This is a game in which England must score a bagful of goals to put Italy under pressure.

Goals have proved hard to come by in recent games. But England have tended to play better away from home, so maybe our forwards will really strike form and have a

Can Temorio

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Everton defender. Answers on page 46.



ACROSS:

- Moves to face another direction.
- Graham -, Bristol Rovers defender.
- Madeley, Leeds United defender.
- John Osb -- ne of West Bromwich Albion.
- It is essential for the strikers to be able to --- the ball.
- Park, home of West Ham United.
- Busby, Q.P.R. recent signing. Mike Ch--non of Manchester City.
- (15) Use four letters from Leeds to give elongated fish.
- Lane, ground of Bury.
- ---k -allington (Leicester). Heat slightly from the missing letters.
- Jim I-th, Coventry City 'keeper.
- (21) George -- If-r (Everton) needs a golf
- -- hton Gate, home of Bristol City
- Billy -, Norwich City player.
- Liverpool have won the League Championship a record — times.
- Steve -, Leicester City defender.
- Pale yellow-brown colour needed to complete R---eation Gro-nd, Aldershot.
- Mick L--bert of Ipswich Town.
- Happens like an incident during the match.
- (36)----ley Park; ground of Stockport County.
- Alan -- nned of Newcastle United.
- Hazard which, in winter, can make the ground very hard.

DOWN:

- (1) The "offside" one stops many scoring chances.
- Jimmy —, 'keeper for Aston Villa. White Hart Lane is their ground.
- Obligation as to one's club or mates.
- D-r-i--t-n (from Feethams Ground). 'Lengthwise" from the missing letters.
- Fruit or one of Luton Town's colours.
- (8) Suitable from the captain of the
- Geoff S --- on of Sheffield United.
- Vicar--- Road, ground of Watford.
- --- t Fif-, Scottish club from Bayview Park. -ansf--ld -own. Single article
- made from the omitted letters. Dave -, Manchester City and
- England defender. John -- ck of Coventry City.
- A-r--ome Park, Middlesbrough. (20)
- Venables, Crystal Palace boss. (24)
- (25) ---- pool, play at Anfield.
- Bert Trautmann played in an F.A. Cup Final with a broken one.
- -t-mford Brid-e, Chel-ea's ground.
- (31)Mi-k B-ckl-y of Everton.
- Jack Ash-r-t, Sunderland player.
- So--r-on Park; ground of Newport County.
- (37) Willie -- nachie of Manchester City.

This week's Star Letter comes from Nicholas Ozolua of Fulham, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

THE NO. 1 NO.2 — DANNY OR BERTI?

WHICH is the better full-back
... Danny McGrain or Berti
Vogts? Although both are excellent in defence and attack, one can never forget what Berti did for his country in the 1974 World Cup Final. It was his close-marking of Johan Cruyff that did more than

anything to win Germany the Cup. Berti's treatment of Kevin Keegan in the European Cup Final was somewhat more controver-sial, culminating in a doubtful penalty. If you watch the incident in slow-motion you'll see Berti went

for the ball, not Keegan.

I remember Robbie Rensenbrink
of Anderlecht saying in SHOOT
Vogts was the best marker he'd ever faced . . . a real terrier who

never stops chasing.

Danny McGrain has come on in leaps and bounds over the past two or three years. During the British Championship he was, to most people's minds, the Man of the Match when Scotland beat England.

Readers in Scotland voted him their Most Exciting Player of last season, a fitting tribute to this fine

player.

More recently, I read in World Wide that the German magazine Kicker rated Berti as "only" inter-

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national-class, not world-class. Those who watch a player week after week must be the best judges.

How do you rate the two players?

• They're both of the highest quality. It's rather difficult to compare them because the Germans always play a man-for-man marking sys-tem so Berti has a more specific job than Danny. I think the ideal situa-tion would be to have both fullbacks in your team!

Pen-Pal

'M A 20-year-old Danish boy who would like to have pen-pals who support Manchester United and Crystal Palace.

My reason for writing is I'm fed up with watching West German football on T.V. I'm a true fan of English soccer!

LEIF JENSEN, "BIRKELY", BORODVEJ 20. 4180 SORO, DENMARK.

Styx's Fingers

COULD you please explain why so many of Styx's characters have only three fingers?

MARGARET AND JAMIE ATLIERS, KIRKBY LONSDALE.



A typical Styx 3-finger tapper



The same hand with 4 fingers

Styx replies: "I think the reason for three fingers in my cartoons must stem back to my schooldays when my teacher informed me my efforts on arithmetic were so pathetic I would never be able to count beyond three."

More Goals

MANY people are saying the rising entrance fees and hooliganism are driving fans away from matches. I think it's the lack

Out of 462 First Division games last season, 256 ended with two or less goals. Indeed, 44 were goalless, 91 had one goal and 121 two

Manchester United had the largest following last season — and they scored 71 goals. Stoke, on the other hand, netted just 28 times and had their worst gates for vears.

> TONY IRVING, CARLISLE

 Gates did increase last season, but they're still down on a few seasons ago. The number of goals a team scores is linked with its success and successful teams pull in the biggest crowds.

Fines

LIKE the idea of a club fining a player if he gets booked or sentoff.

If every club operated such a system, we'd see more games without the niggling that goes on in so many matches.

> STUART PASSMORE, TAUNTON.

 Once they're out on the pitch I'm sure players don't think about money either winning it or los-

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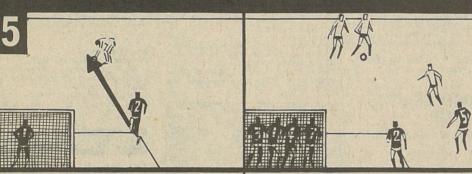


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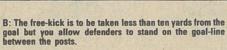


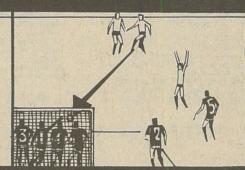






A: Taking a goal-kick a defender miskicks the ball. It moves only two or three yards. He then runs to the ball and picks it up. You award an indirect free-kick for playing the ball twice before another player has touched it.





C: From the free-kick the ball goes directly into the goal. You award a goal-kick. (Where is the problem?).

ANSWERS:

defender touched it. In B defenders are allowed to stand between the posts when an indirect free-kick is less than ten yards from the goal. In C a goal-kick is the correct award when the ball goes directly into goal from an indirect free-kick.

1. Award a direct free-kick (c) Law 12a. 2. Take no action (a). 3. Restart with a direct free-kick (b) where the offence occurred. (See Law 3, Decision 6). 4. Caution the defender and order the penalty-kick to be retaken (c). 5. The problem is in A. The goal-kick must be retaken because the ball had not passed outside the penalty-area when the

RESULTS...SCORERS...TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

THIRD DIVISION

(Continued)

OXFORD (0) 1 (Curran)
PRESTON (0) 0
Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale (Curran),
Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor,
Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson, Doyle,
Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Burns, Thomson
(Smith), Elwiss, Bruce.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Robson, Turner)
4,872

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Shinton 2) 4,872
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Lee, Doyle,
Turner, Ross, Rogers, Butlin, Sargent, Slough,

Noberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lee, Cartwright, Griffiths.

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Trusson, Rogers)

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HEREFORD (0) 0
Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill,
Foster, Craven, Delve, Johnson, Austin (Hall),
Trusson, Rogers.
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Ritchie, Layton,
Jefferson, Sheedy, Briley, Holmes, Sinclair,
Sheet Spiring

Jefferson, Sheek McNeil, Spiring.

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Kemp 2, 1 pen., Stokes)
CHESTERFIELD(0) 0 11,132
Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson,
Ellis, Foster, Cahill, Green, Kemp, Stokes, Mellows, Pollock.
Chesterfield: Ogrozovic; Tartt, Burton, Kow-

alski, Cottam, Pollard, Jones (Hunter), Cam-mack, Green, Parker, Heppolette.

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Hemmerman 2, 1 pen.)

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LINCOLN (0) 1 (Harding) 3,520
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Harper,
Ridley, Alcock, Bentley, Lamb, Brownbill,
Beamish, Bailey, Hemmerman.
Lincoln: Grotier; Branfoot, Leigh, Booth,
Crombie, Cooper, Fleming, Cockerill, Hubbard,
Graham Harding. Graham, Harding,

CARLISLE 0 4,052
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Green,
Rhodes, Stancliffe, Spencer, Finney, Gwyther,
Young (Womble), Goodfellow, Breckin.
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney,
Tait, MacDonald, Parker, McVitie, Ludlam,
Lathan (Mutrie), Rafferty, Carr.

SHREWSBURY (0) 0

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Leonard, Roberts, Turner, Griffin, Atkins, Nixon, Hornsby (Lough-

nane), Bates, Irvine, Maguire. Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Hodge, Saxton, Hatch, Bowker, Kellow, Robertson, Beer (Holman), Jennings.

WALSALL (1) 2 (Serella, Dennehy) SWINDON (0) 0

SWINDON (0) 0 4,717
Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Newton,
Hynd, Serella, Dennehy, Evans, Wood (Sheldon), Buckley, Birch.
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope,
Stroud, Alizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Kamara
(Ford), Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNSLEY (0) 1 (Price)

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NEWPORT (0) 0 4,009
Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh,
Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price, Wigg,
Collier, Little.
Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Bell, Walker (S),
Walker (R), Jones, Woods, Emanuel, Clark
(Goddard), Relish, Preece.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 SOUTHEND (2) 3 (Morris, Parker, Moody

pen.)
3,688
Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller,
Benson (Paterson), Impey, Barton, Johnson,
Showers, Howarth, Riley, Cave.
Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks,
Laverick, Townsend, Young, Morris, Goodwin,
Parker, Hadley, Foggon.

CREWE (3) 4 (Purdie, Collier, Coyne 2) BRENTFORD (3) 6 (Collier o.g., Carlton 2

Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully. Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Shrubb, Lloyd, Kruse, Smith (Salman), Carlton, Graham (J), Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Rowles)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis) 1,788
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane,
Stone, Craig, Hague, Young, Rowles (Maitland), Ferguson, Seal, Wann.
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Bruton,
May, Davies, Chappell, James, Curtis, Moore
(G), Charles (Moore K).

DONCASTER (0) 0
WATFORD (1) 1 (Jenkins)
Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Robinson, Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Jones (M), O'Callaghan, Jones (C) (Snodin), Bentley.
Watford: Sherwood; Geidmintls, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mercer (Coffill), Jenkins, Bolton, Mayes.

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Partridge pen., Waters)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Seddon) 2,516
Grimsby: Wainman; Cooper, Moore, Waters,
Barker, Partridge, Donovan, Drinkell, Liddell,
Cumming (Ford), Brolly.
Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Melledew, Seddon, Mountford, Esser, Tarbuck.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Johnson) SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Wiggett, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Downing, Goad,

Poskett, Bielby.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock,
Oates, Money, Bridges, Pilling, Kilmore,
Lumby, Keeley, Heron.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Johnson)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Needham) 4,205
Huddersfield: Starling: Brown, Sandercock,
Gray, Sidebottom, Hart, Howey, Johnson,
Eccles, Butler, McCaffery (Fowler).
Aldershot: Johnson; Butler, Wooler, Dixon,

Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Christie) TOROLLAY (0) 0

3 889

TORQUAY (0) 0 3,889
Northampton: Garnham; Tucker, Bryant, Liddle, Robertson, Best, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, McGowan, Christie.
Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Rudge, Lee (C), Lawrence

(Dunne), Brown, Raper.

READING (1) 2 (Earles 2)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Carroll)
Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman,
Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Murray, Nelson, Benett, Britten. Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Dun-

leavy, Bradley, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Gregoire.

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Connell, Harrison o.g.) SOUTHPORT (1) 2 (Ashworth, O'Neil) 3,603 Wimbledon: Teale; Tilley, Bryant, Donald-son, Edwards, Bassett, Leslie, Davies, Connell,

Holmes, Aitken. Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Cooper, Ashworth, Jones, Sud-dick, Wilson.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Second Round, second-leg)

ARBROATH (3) 3 (Cargill, Bone 2) RAITH (0) 1 (Taylor)

BERWICK (0) 1 (Laing B. pen.) DUNDEE (0) 1 (McDougall)

800 BRECHIN (0) 2 (Flynn, Morton pen.) Q o S (1) 2 (O'Hara, Dickson.)

COWDENBEATH (0) 0
ABERDEEN (3) 5 (Davidson, McMaster, Harper 3, 1 pen.)
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Shirra, Garner, Miller, Jarvie, Davidson, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.

DUNDEE UTD. (0) 1 (Dodds)

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PARTICK (0) 0 6,000
Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Dodds, Addison, Payne (Smith).
Partick: Thomson; Mackie, Whittaker, Gibson, Campbell (Weir), Marr, McQuade, Melrose, Somner, Craig, Houston (Love).

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Morrison 2) 3.000

MORTON (1) 3 (Goldthorp, Hutchison, Ritchie

FORFAR (1) 2 (Knox, Hall) MEADOWBANK (0) 0

HAMILTON (2) 6 (Fairley, McCluskey o.g., Graham, McGrogan, McManus 2) DUMBARTON (0) 0 1,200

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Davidson 2) CELTIC (2) 4 (Wilson, McLaren o.g., 20,494 raig) 20,494 Motherwell: Muir; Watson, Wark (Kennedy),

Motherwell: Mulr; Watson, Wark (kennedy), McLaren, McVie, Stevens, Marinello (O'Neill), McAdam, Miller, Davidson, Purdie. Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Kay, Edvaldsson (Craig), McDonald, Casey, Doyle, Lennox, Gla-vin, Burns, Wilson.

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Mackin)

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AYR (0) 0 Ayr won on penalties a.e.t. 2,035
Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Hannah
(Christie), McAnespie (Fleming), Brogan,
McCall, McSherry, Masterton, McCulloch,
Cramond.

ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 0 RANGERS (2) 3 (Parlane, Miller pen., Smith)

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Miller, John-stone, Jackson (Watson), MacDonald, McKean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.

ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (Hyslop, McGarvey)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Fallis)
9,500
St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Mowat, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Hyslop.

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 HEARTS (4) 5 (Park, Bannon, Shaw, Gibson

FAST STIRLING 0

STRANRAER (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McLoughlin)

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round replays)

SHEFF. WED (2) 3 (Bradshaw, Tynan, Johnson) BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Hart) 13,260

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BURY (0) 1 (Robins)

OXFORD (0) 0 a.e.t. 5,045
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson,
Tucker, Bailey, Woolfall (Stanton), McIlwraith,
Rowland, Entwistle, Robins.
Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke
(White), Jeffrey, McGrogan, Briggs, Foley, Sea-

cole. Duncan.



Plymouth's John Delve helped his side beat Hereford 2-0 at Home Park

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

INTERNATIONAL

WALES 0
KUWAIT 0 at Wrexham 3,132
Wales: Davies; Thomas (Page), Jones,
Mahoney, Phillips, Roberts (D), Sayer (Deacy),
Flynn, Yorath, Toshack, James.
Kuwait: Altrabousi; Hussain, Jumah,
Mayouf, Durehaim (Marafi), Farouk, Saad,
Hammed, Feisal, Jassim, Alanbari

UNDER-21

ENGLAND (3) 6 (Ward 3, Barnes, Deehan 2)
NORWAY (0) 0 at Brighton 18,431
England: Middleton; Hinshelwood (P),
Peach, Williams, Sims, Futcher (P), Cunningham, Ward, Deehan, Owen, Barnes.
Norway: Olsen; (Weholt), Hansen, Berntsen,
Aas, Garber, Davidson, Albertsson, Hammer,
Thoresen, Dokken, Tronstad.

FOURTH DIVISION

DARLINGTON (0) 0

DARLINGTON (0) 0

BARNSLEY (0) 2(Price, Wigg) 2,158

Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane,
Hague, Craig, Stone, Young, Rowles, Ferguson, Seal (Maitland), Wann.

Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh,
Saunders, McCarthy, Peachey, Price, Wigg,
little Collier

NEWPORT (2) 2(Woods, Hope o.g.)

NewPort (2) 2(Woods, Hope o.g.)
YORK (0) 1(Hope) 2,987
Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Bell, Emanuel,
Walker (R), Jones, Walker (S), Woods, Clark
(Goddard), Relish, Preece.
York: Neenan; Scott, Hutt, Hoy (Hunter),
Topping, James, Pollard, Holmes, Hope,
Taylor, Staniforth.

WATFORD (1) 1 (Blissett)

GRIMSBY (0) 0 6,850 Watford; Sherwood; Geidmintis, Pritchett,

wattord; Snewbod; Geldmintls, Fritchet, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Coffill (Mayes), Blissett, Jenkins, Bolton, Downes. Grimsby: Wainman; Mower, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge; Liddell (Brolly), Donovan, Drinkell, Cumming, Ford.

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round replays)

PRESTON (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Atthey) a.e.t. 7,079
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Doyle,
Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Burns, Thomson,

Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Burns, Florida. Elwiss, Bruce. Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Hynd, Walsall: Kearns; Robertson, Bates (Evans), Serella, Newton, Robertson, Bates (Evans), Dennehy, Buckley, Birch.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1(Slough) 4,564
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock,
Pilling, Kavanagh, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore,
Keeley, Lumby, Heron.
Peterborough; Waugh; Hindley, Lee, Doyle,
Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Sargent, Car-

Turner, Ross, SI michael, Robson,

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

INTERNATIONALS

ENGLAND 0 SWITZERLAND 0 at Wembley

SWITZERLAND 0 at Wembley 42,000 England: Clemence; Neal, Cherry, McDer-mott, Watson, Hughes, Keegan, Channon (Hill), Francis (T), Kennedy, Callaghan (Wilkins). Switzerland; Burgener; Trinchero, Fis-chbach, Barberis, Chapuisat, Bizzini, Håsler (Brechbuhl), Demarmels (Von Wartburg), Kut-tell (Sulser), Elsener (Rieder), Botteron.

EAST GERMANY (0) 1(Schade)
SCOTLAND (0) 0 in East Berlin
50,000
East Germany: Croy; Kische, Dorner, Weise,
Weber, Hafner, Schade, Lindemann, Sparwasser (Kotte), Streich (Hoffman), Heidler.
Scotland: Stewart; McGrain, Buchan,
McQueen, Donachie, Masson, Hartford (Gemmill), Macari, Dalglish, Jordan, Johnston
(Graham).

UNDER-21

SCOTLAND (1) 3 (Wallace 2, Cooper)
SWITZERLAND (1) 1 (Brigger) 8,000
Scotland: Stewart; Burley, Albiston, Miller,
Araey, Fitzpatrick, Sturrock, Payne, Wallace,
Burns (Watson), Cooper.
Switzerland: Berbig; Baur, Gretler (Luthi),
Zappa, Inalbon, Tanner, Wehrli, Scheiwiler,
Brigger (Mast), Decastel, Schonenberger.

LEAGUE CUP

(Second Round replay)

COLCHESTER (1) 4 (Gough 2, Allinson,

Garwood)
BLACKBURN (0) 0 5,843
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Bunkell, Allinson.
Blackburn: Bradshaw; Curtis, Bailey, Metalfe Fazackerley, Hawkins, Brotherston,

calfe, Fazackerley, Hawkins, Br Svarc, Lewis (Hird), Parkes, Keeley.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Heppolette, Cammack,

Tartt)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Loughnane) Chesterfield: Ogrozovic; Tartt, Burton, Kow-alski, Cottam, Pollard, Jones, Heppolette, Green, Parker, Cammack. Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Leonard, Cross (Keay), Durban, Griffin, Atkins, Loughnane, Lindsay, Bates, Irvine, Maguire.

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Sinclair, Spiring)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 3,441
Hereford: Hughes; Burrows, Ritchie, Marshall, Jefferson, Sheedy, Briley, Spiring, Sinclair, McNeil, Carter.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong,

Overton, Shipperley, Hughes, Nicholl, Hunt, Richardson, Westwood, Crabbe (Price).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (0) 3 (Williams, Gough,

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Hall) Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie (Dyer), Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Johnson (Peddelty), Delve, Austin, Trusson, Hall.

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHPORT (2) 3 (O'Neil pen., Ashworth,

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Reilly) 2,671
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil,
Brooks, Fisher, Cooper, Wilson, Ashworth, Suddick, Jones,

Northampton: Garnham; Tucker, Mead, Lid-le, Robertson, Best, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, McGowan, Christie.

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Massey)

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Owen) 3,614 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Fogarty, Loadwick, Thompson, Summerbee, Halford,

Park, Daniels, Massey.
Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Robinson,
Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Miller, McConville,
O'Callaghan, Jones (C), Bentley.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Cropley) ARSENAL (0) 0

36.929 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Robson, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray,

Cropley, Carrodus.
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Hudson, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Ross, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Langley)

DERBY (1) 1 (Daly pen.) 25,759 Chelsea: Phillips; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Stanley

Derby: Boulton; Langan, Powell, Daly, Thomas, Todd, Hughes, Gemmill, Hales, George, James (Webster).

LEEDS (0) 2 (Hankin 2) IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner)

24.280



Tommy Langley of Chelsea fired home the equalising goal in their 1-1 draw v. Derby.

Leeds: Stewart; Cherry (Stevenson), Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Graham.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osborne, Gates, Mariner, Whymark (Turner), Woods.

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Sims)
EVERTON (3) 5 (Latchford, Thomas, King 2, McKenzie)
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Sims, May, Alderson, Sammels, Worthington, Kelly (Smith), Earle.
Everton: Wood; Darracott (Jones), Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Rioch, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Fairclough, Dalglish) COVENTRY (0) 0

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Smith, Lennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough,

Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, McDermott, Callaghan. Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Kidd 2, Channon)

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MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Nicholl) 50,856
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie,
Owen, Watson, Booth, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Power.

Man. U: Stepney; Forsyth, Albiston, McIlroy, Nicholl, Buchan, Coppell, McCreery, Pearson, Macari (McGrath), Hill.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 0 (Ashcroft) BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Francis 2)

19.242 BINMINGHAM (1)2 (Francis 2) 19,242 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, McAndrew, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, Brine (Bailey), Armstrong. Birmingham: Montgomery; Rathbone, Pendrey, Towers, Sbragia, Want, Broadhurst, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0 W.B.A. (2) 3 (Regis, Cunningham, Robson)

23,351
Newcastle: Mahoney; Craig (D), Kennedy,
Blackhall, Bird, Nattrass, Barrowclough, Can-nell, Burns, Gowling (Oates), Craig (T),
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham (Martin), Regis, Robson, Johnston.

NORWICH (0) 1 (Gibbins) BRISTOL C (0) 0

Norwich: Keelan; Ryan, Sullivan, Machin, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Busby (Gibbins), Reeves, Suggett, Davies.

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Garland (Mann), Mab-butt, Cormack, Whitehead.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Holland, Lock)

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Q.P.R. (2) 2 (Eastoe, Lock o.g.)
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland,
Taylor (T), Lock, Pike, Robson, Jennings
(Otulakowski), Curbishley, Devonshire.
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Shanks, Hollins,
Needham, Webb, Eastoe, Francis, Masson,
Bowles, Givens (Williams).

WOLVES (0) 2 (Bell, Daley pen.)
NOTTM FOREST (1) 3 (Withe, Bowyer, Wood-

cock) 24,622 Wolves: Parkes; Palmer, Daly, Daley, Parkin, McAlle, Patching, Carr, Richards, Todd (Bell), Sunderland.

Nottm F: Middleton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Brotherston) BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Walsh, Chandler)

Blackburn: Bradshaw; Curtis, Bailey, Met-calfe, Keeley, Hawkins, Fazackerley (Brother-ston), Hird, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe. Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, Ron-son, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Chandler, Walsh, Hatton, Finnigan.

BOLTON (1) 1 (Whatmore)
OLDHAM (0) 0
Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Dunne, Waldron,
Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train,
Reid, Jones.
Oldham: Ogden; Hoolickin, Holt (Irving),
Bell, Edwards, Hurst, Valentine, Blair, Halom,
Chapman, Groves.

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Fell, Mellor)

HULL (1) 1 (Sunley) 20,692

Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Fell, Ruggiero (Towner), Mellor, Piper, Potts.

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Haigh,

Croft, Roberts, Lord (Grimes), Stewart, War-boys, Sunley, Galvin.

BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Randall)
LUTON (1) 2 (Boersma, Buckley)
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Taylor (A), Day,
Taylor (S), Prince, Staniforth, Barry (Hendrie),
Randall, Williams, Evans.
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, Fuccillo,
Faulkner, Futcher (P), Husband, Hill, Futcher
(R), West, Boersma (Carr).

CHARLTON (1) 2 (McAuley, Warman)

ORIENT (1) 1 (Glover) 8,751
Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Tydeman, Giles, Berry, Powell, Burman, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen, Hoadley, Roeder, Glover, Grealish, Clarke, Kitchen,

C. PALACE (2) 2 (Bourne, Swindlehurst)
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Rowell, Rostron) 21,305
C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom,
Graham, Cannon, Evans, Swindlehurst, Chatterton, Perrin, Bourne, Harkouk.
Sunderland: Siddall; Docherty, Bolton, Henderson, Waldron, Ashurst, Kerr, Elliott, Lee,
Rowell. Rostron.

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MANSFIELD 0

MILLWALL 0 7,655

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, McEwan,
Foster (C), Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett (Ran-

Adll), Hodgson, Aston.
Millwall: Jones; Donaldson (Summerill),
Walker, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton,
Seasman, Pearson, Lee, Chambers.

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (O'Brien)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Dwyer) 7,330

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien,
Busby, Chapman, Stubbs, Carter, Sims, Bradd,
Smith, Birchenall (Mann).

Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Attley, Pontin, Went,
Byrne, Campbell, Buchanan, Robson, Sayer,

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Boyer 2, Peach pen.)

BURNLEY (0) 0 17,412 Southampton: Turner; Waldron, Andruszewski, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball,

Zewski, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Bail, Boyer, Osgood, Peach, MacDougall. Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Ingham, Robinson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Noble, Smith, Flynn, Morley.

STOKE (3) 4 (Gregory, Kendall, Lindsay pen., SHEFF. UTD (0) 0

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall,
Smith, Dodd, Conroy, Richardson, Gregory,
Waddington, Crooks.
Sheff. U: Brown; Franks, Calvert, Longhorn,
Speight, Kenworthy, Cutbush, Edwards, Campbell, Hamson, Hamilton (Colquhoun).

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Jones)

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Jones, Taylor.

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Storey, Lacy, Gale, Greenaway, Mitchell, Maybank, Evanson, Bullivant.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (2) 2 (Hutchins, Wright)
CHESTER (0) 2 (Crossley, Kearney) 3,612
Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Spark,
Ratcliffe, Middleton, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan,
Cooke (Martinez), Wright, Hutchins.
Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker,
Delgado, Storton, Oakes, Crossley, Edwards (I),
Kearney, Phillips (Mason), Jeffries.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley)

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TRANMERE (0) 0
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Murray,
Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs,
Morgan, Finney, Biley.
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry,
Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore,
Tynan, Allen (James).

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Rafferty 2, Tait)
PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce)
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney,
Carr, MacDonald, Parker, McVitie, Tait, Mutrie

(Lathan), Rafferty, Ludlam.
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Doyle,
Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Burns, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

EXETER (1) 4 (Robertson 2 pens., Hodge,

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Cullerton) 5,026
Exeter: Baugh; Templeman, Hore, Hodge,
Saxton, Hatch, Bowker, Kellow, Robertson,

Holman, Jennings.
Port Vale: Connaughton (Beamish); McGifford, Harper, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Lamb, Brownbill, Beamish (Cullerton), Bailey, Hem-

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Richardson pen., West-

OXFORD (1) 1 (McGrogan)

Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley, Hughes, Nicholl, Hunt, Richardson, Westwood, Price. Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Briggs (Seacole), Foley, Curran, Duncan.

HEREFORD (0) 2 (Briley, McNeil)
ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Womble, Rhodes, Craw-

ford) 4,393
Hereford: Hughes; Burrows, Ritchie, Marshall, Jefferson, Sheedy, Briley, Carter, Sinclair, McNeil, Spiring.
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Spencer, Finney, Gwyther, Womble, Goodfell

Womble, Goodfellow, Crawford.

LINCOLN (0) 0 PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Butlin) Lincoln: Grotier; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Crombie, Cooper, Hubbard, Cockerill (Cox), Graham,

Fleming, Harding. Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Sargent (Oakes), Carmichael, Robson.

SHEFF. WED (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Maguire)
Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Mullen, Cusack,
Dowd, Leman, Darling, Johnson, Tynan, Porterfield (Hope), Bradshaw.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Leonard, Keay,
Turner, Atkins, Griffin, Irvine, Hornsby, Bates,
Lindsay, Maguire.

SWINDON (0) 2 (McHale, Guthrie)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Parker)
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Ford,
Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie,
McHale, Anderson.

Chesterfield: Ogrozovic; Tartt, Burton, Kow-alski, Cottam, Pollard, Jones, Cammack, Green (Hunter), Parker, Heppolette.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley pen.)
BURY (0) 2 (Woolfall, Rowland pen.) 4,611
Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Hynd,
Newton, Robertson, Dennehy, Bates, Evans
(Shelton), Buckley, Birch.
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson,
Tucker, Bailey, Woolfall, McIlwraith, Rowland,
Entwistle, Robins.

WREXHAM (2) 2 (Shinton, Davis)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 5,000
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Dwyer, Davis,
Roberts, Thomas (Cegielski), Shinton,
Cartwright, Lee, Sutton, Griffiths.
Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson,
Denyer, Ellis, Foster, Pollock, Kemp, Stokes,
Green (Gilchrist), Mellows.

FOURTH DIVISION

Aldershot: Johnson; Butler, Wooler, Dixon,

Aldersnot: Jonnson; Butter, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price, Wigg, Little, Collier.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK. DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SHOOT

The 'NO HOPERS' World Cup group

CANADIAN soccer faces its biggest test in its long and largely undistinguished history in the weeks ahead. The task is to win a place in next year's World Cup Finals in Argentina. The Canadians have never reached the Finals of the World Cup before and this year have their first real opportunity.

Competing in the second qualifying round in the CONCACAF region Canada will face Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti and Surinam in a tournament to be held in Mexico from October 8th to October 23rd. Only one nation can get through and if the Canadians win they will give soccer in that country a tremendous shot in the

At one time soccer in Canada was played largely by immigrants, but in the last ten years the game has mushroomed at the minor level to where it has become second only to ice hockey with regard to the number of boys and girls

to the number of boys and girls taking an active part.

Now Canada is producing its own players of sufficiently high quality that last year they beat Mexico for the first time in their history by winning 1-0 in Vancouver and then shook the Mexicans by belding them to a goalless. cans by holding them to a goalless

draw in Toluca.

Can they repeat those kind of performances this year against a Mexican team that seems to have improved to the point where recently they held West Germany to a 2-2 draw? That is the question.

Also can the Canadians play consistently enough over the five games to win the whole tournament? It will not be easy, but it is sufficient to say the Mexicans rate Canada as their main threat.

Trying to assess anything in the CONCACAF region (a Continental confederation like U.E.F.A. that embraces North and Central America, the Caribbean Islands and the top of South America) is very difficult.

The 20 countries that make up the confederation comprise some of the poorest nations on earth. They play few internationals between World Cups and rarely play outside their own area or against top class European or South American teams. But they are never easy to beat when playing in their own environment.

Complicating matters is the fact that with a few exceptions like the United States and Canada, neither the confederation itself (with offices in Guatemala City) or the national associations can be relied upon to answer any mail or even the telephone. Thus gathering information is a most difficult task for any journalist not actually on the scene. Consequently soccer activities in this part of the world tend to be shrouded in secrecy.

How good are these nations? Well, from a similar tournament in

1973 Haiti qualified and played in the Finals in West Germany. They lost 1-3 to Italy, 0-7 to Poland and 1-4 to Argentina. The Mexicans have been the usual qualifiers from this area but apart from 1970 when the Finals were played in their own country they have a dismal record.

The Canadian team will be made up largely from players currently with teams in the North American Soccer League. Some of them were with English clubs for a brief spell before choosing to return home, but two Bobby Lenarduzzi (Reading) and Bruce Twamley (Ipswich Town) played in England for a number of years.

COLIN JOSE, ONTARIO



CONCACAF 2nd QUALIFYING ROUND

Date	Time	City	Match
October 8	16:00	Monterrey	Guatemala — Surinam
October 8	18:00	Monterrey	Canada — El Salvador
October 9			Mexico — Haiti
October 12			Canada — Surinam
October 12		Mexico City	
October 12	20:30	Monterrey	Guatemala — Haiti
October 15			Mexico — Surinam
October 16			El Salvador — Haiti
October 16		Mexico City	
October 19			Mexico — Guatemala
October 19			El Salvador — Surinam
October 19			Canada — Haiti
October 22	17:00	Monterrey	Mexico — Canada
			Haiti — Surinam
October 23			Guatemala — El Salvador
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Games in Mexico City will be played in the Azteca Stadium, capacity 108,000. Games in Monterrey will be played at the University Stadium, capacity 55,000.



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TEVE Perryman, surely one of the most accomplished, stouthearted and loyal players ever to pull Tottenham's famous white ersey over his head, has no delusions regarding the formidable demands of the season stretching

before him.

The Spurs skipper, for the first time in his League career, has step-ped into the tough, bruising, jous-ting-grounds of the Second Divi-sion, fiercely determined to lead The Lilywhites back to the topgrade by the end of the season.

Since succeeding Norwich-bound Martin Peters as team-captain, in March, 1975, Perryman has been almost continuously involved with relegation problems.

Sadly, however, the club that strode like a giant through the Fifties and Sixties, and only three years ago, played in the Final of the U.E.F.A. Cup, could provide no answers last season, and disappeared down the Second Division tunnel

Oddly enough, the fact Spurs are now a Division Two outfit has intensified Steve's sense of loyalty towards the team he joined as a schoolboy star, 11 years ago, and given him a tremendous zest for

Tottenham's aptain Courage

"When I took over as skipper from Martin, towards the tail-end of the 1974/75 season," says Steve, "we escaped the drop by a

point.
"After that we were among the First Division's stragglers, and I sincerely believe dropping into the Second Division has triggered-off

an exciting Spurs' revival.

"Relegation was a bitter blow for everybody at White Hart Lane, and it was made even more painful by the disappointment of the fans who had been so loyal and encouraging right through a dismal season.

"We've got away to a good start, which is essential to any promo-tion bid, especially with sides like Bolton, Southampton, Stoke, Sunderland, and Blackpool, all aiming for the same target.

"No way could anyone ever have classed Manchester United or Wolves as Second Division teams. They were top-class, and proved it

by going straight back up again. "Spurs are in the same category and I feel we have the quality in attack, and the power in defence to follow in their footsteps. The atmosphere at White Hart Lane is absolutely terrific. All the lads are determined to make it a oneseason stay in the Second, but -

"You have only to look at some of the teams in the Second to realise how hard the road back to the first Division is going to be.

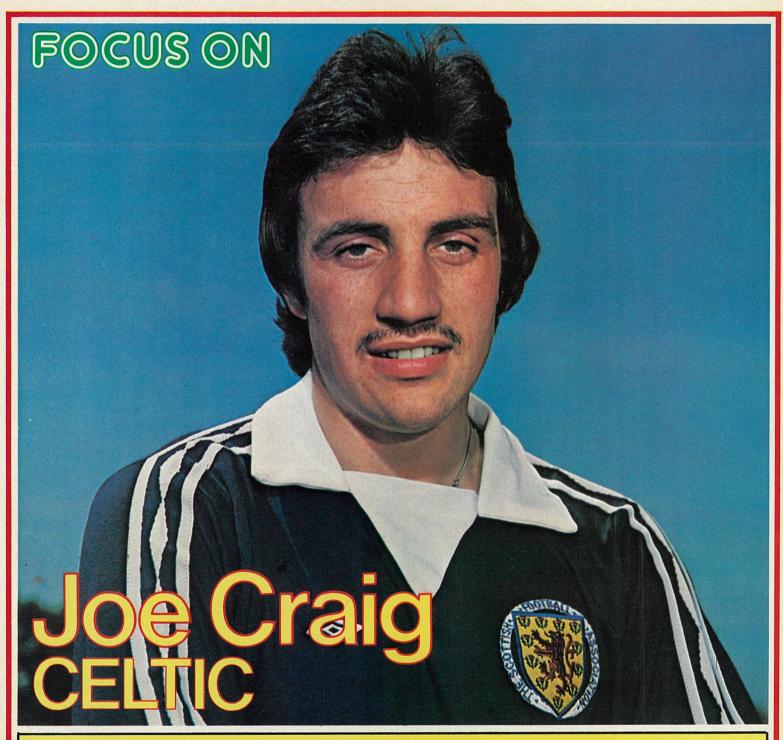
'Having spent so long in the top grade, we were aware there could be problems in adjusting to Second Division football. So far, I think we're settling in nicely, and with John Duncan already in amongst the goals, I hope my first-ever term outside the First Division will end in promotion.

Last season, as we struggled at the wrong end of the table, I came in for a fair amount of criticism in some quarters because of my quiet-style captaincy. It was felt I could be more assertive, but I'm not the type who goes around bawling-out players, and anyone waiting to see me shaking my fist at my team-mates, will have to wait an awful long time.

"When I took over as skipper, I knew I would get more response from the players by doing the job quietly and unobtrusively.

"Whether I was captain or not, I'd still give Spurs 100 per cent effort, I just couldn't play any other way for this club, and to lead it back to the First Division, where it belongs, would be one of the proudest experiences of my career." What





FULL NAME: Joseph Craig BIRTHPLACE: Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire

BIRTHDATE: May 14th, 1954 HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins

WEIGHT: 12st

PREVIOUS CLUB: Partick Thistle

MARRIED: Yes CHILDREN: None CAR: Ford Cortina

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Team-mate Roddy McDonald in practice games

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Celtic/Rangers last season at Ibrox — my first Old Firm game

BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the League

and Scottish Cup last season **BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing** the Quarter-Final return-leg against Holland in the Under-23 European Championship through injury **BEST COUNTRY VISITED: France** (South)

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Fast cars, good

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Crowd

violence

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Morecambe & Wise

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John, Carly

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Paul

Newman, Lee Remick

BEST FRIEND: No one in particular BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

Family encouragement

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Defensive teams

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Six Under-23 caps; three Under-21 caps; one

PERSONAL AMBITION: To earn enough money to have the car and house I would

like

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be an established international

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Motor

mechanic

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

Fifteen minutes ago, Phil Parkes' hair looked like it had been dragged across Arsenal Football Ground.

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OUR EARLY SEASON RELEGATION BATTLE"

NEVER thought I would see the day, but there it was. The cynics were calling Celtic's last League match of September a relegation

We faced Clydebank at Parkhead with only a superior goal-difference keeping us above the Premier Division new boys and one place away from the bottom of the table. Good thing we won, even if it was just 1-0.

Three points from six games is not Championship form and from Celtic it is almost unheard of. But I honestly believe we weren't playing badly in all

those games we lost.

The funny thing about football is the ball never seems to bounce your way when you are down. The leaders always seem to get more breaks than Hurricane Higgins!

That's the way it has been going for us — though of course there is more to it than that.

A few seasons ago every side in the top Division sat back and defended when they played the Old Firm, but now with the advent of the Premier they come out and attack . . . just the way it should be.

But it makes things more difficult for Rangers and Celtic.

Our 2-1 defeat at Aberdeen proved my point. The Dons are certainly no better than they were last season, but

when you remember they beat us three times last year it's just as well! Former Celtic skipper Billy McNeill is doing a great job carrying on the good work started by Ally MacLeod. But I am more interested in the

problems at Parkhead than the progress or otherwise of other sides.

One of our big problems is lack of





confidence. Consider for example we were three-up on Motherwell in a League Cup-tie and nearly threw it away, two-up on Rangers and did lose it 3-2 and were one-up on Aberdeen before going down 2-1.

Certainly in the interim we thrash-ed Jeunesse Esch 5-0 in the first-leg of the European Cup First Round, but to be honest while Luxembourg is all right for radio stations, it is not too

What we need to do is hold it longer in the middle of the park, something Alfie Conn does so well. We miss Alfie and Pat Stanton too who had all the experience and cool any side in the world could use.

The tragedy is Pat's cartilage trouble is likely to keep him out until the turn of the year. It is all disappointing really when you remember how delighted we were when we won that pre-season tournament in Australia.

Whatever happens you can rest assured whatever Kenny Dalglish may or may not have been able to do for us is forgotten. Kenny is a great mate and no one is more delighted to see him running riot with Liverpool, but professionally speaking he is a forgot-ten man at Parkhead . . . until we get Liverpool in the European Cup of

You know, in some ways it might not be a bad thing we have gone through such a bad spell at the begin-ning of the season. At least it is out of our system. Hopefully we have had our quota of injuries.

Football usually goes in cycles and everybody gets their bad spell for injuries and luck. I am sure our blue or should that be green - sky lies

just around the corner.

After all, we are into the next round of the League Cup and face Stirling Albion, the Champions of the Second Division who have made such a startling impression on the First.

I know little about the Annfield men, but to be fair, despite our early troubles we must be favourites to go

And there is the re-emergence of Brian McLaughlin, the youngster who promised so much before his unfortu-

Brian came back into the first team business with a bang in the first-leg of the Europe tie against Jeunesse and combined with Johannes Edvaldsson to score just about the best goal of the season so far.

There has never been any doubt about his ability and indeed there were those who rated him more talented than Kenny a few years ago. Compliments don't come much bigger

By the way, I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming John Dowie from Fulham and Tom McAdam from Dundee United to Parkhead.

The lads came when the team was struggling, but they have settled in

Meanwhile, this Saturday (October 8) we take on Partick at Firhill.

Cup tie

Former Celt Bertie Auld has really got his side moving this season and they played well when they beat Bris-tol City 2-0 in the first-leg of the Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie. But with the help of former Thistle

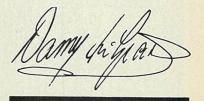
men Ronnie Glavin and Joe Craig and with their inside information I think we will be able to help erase the memory of the day they tried to involve Cettic in a "relegation battle"!

Incidentally I want to take this opportunity to salute the 83,000 incredible Scottish fans who did more than their share to help Scotland take another giant step towards Argentina.

Their performance in our 3-1 win over Czechoslovakia at Hampden ensured it must be a night of nights when we face Wales at Anfield on October 12th.

Victory for the Scots will ensure a place in the Finals of the World Cup. Don't worry about it Scots fans you can look out your maracas now!

See you in two weeks . . .



NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG



GEORGE Best had no doubts whatsoever — "this goal-keeper is good now: he could easily become one of the greats of all time." And who is the player that did so much to impress even the

TWO YOUNG WOLVES **HUNGRY FOR HONOURS**

because we got the point we wanted and that set us in a better position in the table. In fact, it meant we had gone 13 matches without defeat as we surged towards the Championship.

SHILTON AN CLEMENCE TAUGHT MEALESSON

PAUL BRADSHAW

great Georgie Best? Not a Shilton, nor a Clemence, but the First Division's newest young goalkeeping recruit Paul Bradshaw.

Best got a close look at Brad-shaw when Fulham entertained Blackburn Rovers in a League match this September. And Bestie had cause for complaint about the ability of young Bradshaw, who was transferred to Wolves for £150,000 last week.

Bradshaw said afterwards: "I remember the incident well. George was through and he obviously expected me to come out. But I stayed put and made him decide what to do. I try to instil a little panic in the attacker if he's in that situation. And maybe it worked on George. In the end, he hit it straight at me and we eventually went home with a useful

point. however, George didn't say that about me because of one incident. But I have to admit, it's great to be described like that by such a super player.

Older, wiser fans might think they've heard it all before — the tale of the promising youngster who has all the talent he needs but ruins everything by getting big-headed. But that won't happen to 20-year-old Bradshaw, now member of the England Under-21

Bradshaw learned an invaluable lesson in what a top 'keeper



requires, when still at an early age.
"I remember watching Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence training with the England squad," he said.
"I was astounded that guys who

had reached the absolute peak of their careers, were putting in so much effort. They were training so hard it looked as though they were 19-year-olds hoping to impress the boss and get a match on the Saturday.

"That taught me a lot. I soon realised you've got to keep work-ing and never take anything for granted if you want to get to the top and then stay there. Football is a funny game and many things can happen. I'm just glad I learned the lesson about always keeping going, when I was at an early stage

in my career.
"For me, Pat Jennings is the greatest and I've tried to model myself on him. He uses everything to keep the ball out — head, body, legs. The man has real style in his goalkeeping and for me, he's still the best there is.

'Sheer Consistency'

"After him, I put Peter Shilton next in line for his sheer consistency. But Jennings is the most versatile."

Surprisingly, Bradshaw picks out a lesser known player as the one who has really had a telling influence on his development as a goalkeeper.

'I learned a few tips from Roger Jones, who went from Blackburn to Newcastle," says Bradshaw. "I have never reckoned he got the success he deserved. He should have gone further than he has done in the game.
"He helped me by just watching

him play in a match. That's the best way to learn - watch a good keeper when he's playing a game. It certainly helps a great deal."

Bradshaw realises he may have long wait ahead of him if he hopes to win a full cap.

"England always seems to be full of reliable goalkeepers — it must be the most difficult position of all to win a full cap. But I'm happy to keep plugging away.

"Seeing players like Jennings, Shilton and Clemence makes you realise what you've got to do to catch up on them. It's an immense task but I've got youth on my side. Winning an F.A. Cup winners medal is a great ambition in my life and I shall always strive for that."

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MARTIN PATCHING



FTER a mere handful of First A FTER a mere handful of First Division games Martin Patching, the Wolves young midfield ace, England youth player and avid SHOOT reader is already being talked about as a future candidate the Under 21 squad for the Under-21 squad.

There can be few arguments, for Martin has worked hard at his game. His reactions are quick. He's game. His reactions are quick me alert with a good temperament and is rapidly becoming a master of the short through ball that poses all sorts of problems for opposing defences.

I'm happier at passing the ball than I am running with it," says the intelligent 18-year-old. "If you look at Alan Sunderland he's the

other way — he'd rather take somebody on than pass the ball. "I feel it's harsh to say that I draw back when it's a 50-50 ball. I think I tackle just as much as any-body else. My weakness is poor finishing and lack of goals. I've only notched three up to now."

Even so, Martin has the happy knack of finding the net when it matters most. "I scored in the opening game of the season at Bristol City. We were drawing 2-2 at the time and I made it 3-2. This

got us off to a very good start.
"And my first, which came at "And my first, which came at Charlton last season, was a moment of magic for me. It seemed important because we were losing 1-0 and we needed a point. The build up is just a blur. All I remember is a long cross to the far post and John Richards nodding it back for me to head home.

"I'd played a few matches and I wanted to score and it came at the right time in the match as well

Martin joined Wolves straight from school as an apprentice. fancied them as a kid and I always used to look out for their results and travel from my home town of

and travel from my nome town of Rotherham to watch them play. "Obviously, they're a very good club and at the time I signed they were in the First Division. Since then we've been relegated and now we're back up. They had a lot going for them and it looked a good opportunity.

"I made my League debut when I was 17 at Arsenal over the Easter period in 1976. It was a night match and we went down 2-1. I missed the Saturday game, then i played on the Monday at home to Norwich and we won 1-0. Those were the only two games I played that season. At the end we took the big drop and Bill McGarry got the sack.

"It was a great thrill to play in the First Division. It was a different world, for I'd played all my matches in the reserves and it whetted my appetite for what was going to come. I played number 10 alongside John Richards. It was a straight swop; they left out another youngster, Norman Bell.

"Many people have helped me along the way — my school teachers, the sports masters — then Rotherham schoolboys and Bob Earnshaw who was an ex-pro with Barnsley and, of course, everybody at Wolves.

'Model'

"Derek Dougan excited me. He was the player I thought the most of. I didn't model myself on anybody. I never thought I wanted to

be like any particular player. "I played alongside Derek Dougan in the Central League side when he was just out of the first team. I was only about 15 at the time and I thought it was marvellous. But all the players at Molineux

"Manager Sammy Chung likes you to feel free on the field. He tells us we're all gifted players and he lets us go out and prove we are. He gives us a job to do and we use our skills to the best of our abilities. The biggest thing I've found is he

makes it enjoyable. We're all happy at Wolves. "Pride is my motivator. I always want to put in a good perform-

Where do I set my sights after being tipped for the England Under-21 squad? If that comes it will be a delightful bonus, but I'm just happy to play for Wolves in the First Division."

Chelsea's style doesn't suit Jock Finnieston

THE SYSTEM Chelsea are using to gain First Division respectability this season isn't a great

Help to striker Steve Finnieston.

"Jock", as he's known in the Stamford Bridge dressing-room, will be the main flag-bearer for the Chelsea attack in their matches this season. And, under a 4-4-2 system, Finnieston's only ally upfront is likely to be youngster Tommy Langley.

But despite the problems Finieston by ice't was view.

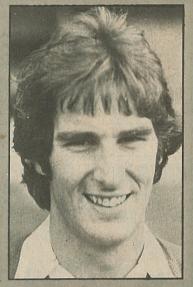
nieston may face, he isn't worried. The reason? He believes 4-4-2 is the system which will suit Chelsea

more than any other.

As Finnieston says: mean Tommy and myself get a lot more attention from opposing defenders. But what it can also do is give the midfield lads more space and opportunities of scoring when they come through to sup-port us. And after all, it doesn't matter who gets the goals as long as we get them and hold our own in the First.

"I had noticed the difference be-tween Second and First Division football after only a couple of matches at the start of this season.

"You get more attention from defenders in the First Division that's what makes it so hard. And when things are going against you, it can be a struggle up-front battling away, just the two of you.



There is often two strikers against four defenders - and that isn't easy for any forward. But you learn to live with it and adapt."

Finnieston, nevertheless, still sets his goal tally pretty high this season. "I scored 26 goals last term and I reckon I'll be doing well to get that number this time," he explained. "But I have set myself a target of 20 as long as I stay free

from injuries and play in almost all

the games.
"But the great thing about our side is we've got a few lads who can score them. In our first home match against Birmingham early this season, Garry Stanley and Ray Lewington got the goals. That still leaves guys like Ray Wilkins, lan Britton and the big lads at the back

 Mickey Droy and/or Steve
 Wicks — to chip in. So you can see, it's not all on my shoulders to

score.
"It's nice to know there are others who are liable to get among the goals. It tends to take pressure off you mentally if you know that.
The way we have been playing, the midfield lads often get as many opportunities of scoring as Tommy and I do right at the front. They have got to come up and support us and if they do that, the chances are likely to appear."

Finnieston won't be reaching that target of 20 this season through any penalties — not for the moment, anyway. He sacked himself from the job after missing one in that first home game with

Birmingham.

The Finnieston philosophy on penalties goes something like this: "You should never miss them at any time. That may sound hard but it's not, really when you think you've only got a goalkeeper to

beat and the dice are loaded against him.
"My penalty-kick against Bir-

mingham went fairly well but it was too close to Jim Montgomery and he saved well. I should have put it right in the corner where he wouldn't have had a chance.

"I don't believe in taking them after you've missed one. So I packed it up after that and gave it to someone else."

Chelsea's chances of surviving in the higher Division this season? "We know we have to work hard," says Finnieston. "A lot of it must be experience of playing against these sides. We have this season to get that experience and I hope in the meantime — while we're learning — we hold a nice steady position in the top half or midway. I think we have the players and the ability to do that. And beating Manchester United at Old Trafford

last month was a tremendous boost to the whole club.

"We won't necessarily be looking to our youth and therefore stamina to stay up. It's no use running all the match if you haven't got the ball. So Ken Shellito, our new manager, has been trying to get us to slow it down: take our time more and make sure we use the ball to the utmost effect. Only time will tell whether it pays off."

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England can beat Italy

GERSON, Brazil's superb mid-field general of the 1970 World Cup Finals, believes England can qualify for the 1978 Finals.

He feels the key lies with caretaker-manager Ron Green-

Gerson, now a reporter for Radio Tupi in Rio de Janeiro, says: "The result of the game will depend on how well the England boss does

his homework.
"He must carefully study Italy in their past matches, which are all available on video. Beating Italy is not as difficult as many English people may think.

"The last time I saw them was

during the summer of '76 in the American Bicentennial Cup.

"Their team has changed very little and their tactics even less. Italy are still the same as in 1970, when Brazil beat them in the World Cup Final 4-1. (Below, Ger-

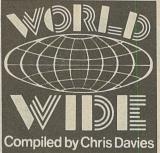
son scores v. Italy.)
"Our plan was to confuse Italy's
man-for-man marking system by interchanging our positions.

"The Italians didn't know what was happening and the same occurred when they lost to us in the U.S.A.

'Italy were a little fortunate to beat England in Rome. At Wemb-ley, with the crowd behind the home team, it will be very hard.

"One thing is for certain - Italy won't change their style. So if Mr. Greenwood scrutinises their recent games he can find the key to his country's success."

What Gerson didn't say was: do England have the players capable of putting Greenwood's plans into operation successfully?



Overath thanks the Press

WEST GERMAN international Wolfgang Overath, (34), who retired from soccer with 1.FC Cologne this summer, gave a dinner in honour of the

He thanked the sports-writers for "helping me to build up my career. Without your assistance I would not be the man I am now."

Can you imagine Don Revie doing that?

• The early pacesetters in the Adidas Golden Shoe award, for Europe's top First Division goalscorer, are West Germany's two Müllers . . . Gerd of Bayern Munich and Dieter of 1.FC Cologne.

After seven games, Gerd, 31, had scored ten goals, with his namesake one behind.

AUSTRIA'S soccer supremo Max Merkel announced that he won't be using his car for a while . . "I'll travel by bus or train, or even walk — it's better for my figure."

The Austrian Press believe Markel's

The Austrian Press believe Merkel's real reason is that he doesn't want to show off his expensive car because then everyone will be certain he earns too

• We don't hear a lot about football in the Central American state of Honduras. but their 18-year-old international defender Gilberto Jeronimo Yearwood has just been snapped up by Spanish club Elche for a fee of just £3,000.

THE BRAZILIAN national Championship will comprise 62 clubs this season, which means 485 games will be played between October 15th and December 18th; then January 21st and February 26th.

The draw for the 1978/80 European Championship will take place on 18th November at a venue still to be decided.

THAT likeable character Sepp Maier broke the Bundesliga record previously held by Wolfgang Overath when the Bayern Munich 'keeper made his 409th appearance in the West German Super League.

Of those 409, a remarkable 377 were in succession . . . that's around 11 years!



OF HOLLAND BOSS

THE BELGIAN F.A. have compiled what they call a "very extensive dossier" on the Affair of Ernst Happel (above).

the Affair of Ernst Happel (above).

He is the boss of Belgian Champions
FC Bruges and was approached by the
Dutch authorities to take over their
national side on a part-time basis.

Happel agreed, but the main problem
was that Group Four will be decided
when Holland meet Belgium on
October 26th.

October 26th.
Belgium's team will include four or five players from FC Bruges, so Happel would be in the tricky position of plotting against his own players!
Happel started his job with Holland when the Dutch beat Iceland 4-1 in the World Cup

World Cup.
There has been such a row in Belgium Inere has been such a row in Belgium that Happel — who doesn't seem to mind the situation at all — has handed the Holland job back to former manager Jan Zwartkruis for one game — Holland/Belgium!

Now, the Belgian authorities have contacted F.I.F.A. with a proposal that all national managers should be based in their country.

• Apparently, the wife of Garrincha—the great Brazilian star of the Sixties—was going to sue him for attacking and injuring her.

But players of Garrincha's ex-club, Botafogo, have "convinced" her that she should withdraw the complaint!

• For the very first time, a town outside of the capital, Budapest, has two clubs in the Hungarian First Division . . . Videoton and MAV of Szekesfehervar.

● Another big-name star has been signed by N.A.S.L. Champions the Cosmos . . . this time it's Ladislao Mazurkiewicz (32), the famous goal-keeper of Penarol and Uruguay. The fee was around £50,000.

THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT is distributing £300,000 among the country's First Division clubs in order to "help alleviate their financial difficulties."



600 goals for Gerd

• The incredible Gerd Müller continues to score . . . and score . . . and score (see Golden Shoe story this

Now 31, Der Bomber recently scored his 600th goal in first-class football.

After seven games for Bayern Munich this season, Gerd had netted ten times.

Here's a breakdown of Müller's 600 goals:

339 in League games 75 in Cup-ties 68 in internationals

56 in European ties 62 in friendlies.



'SOCCER TAKING OFF IN STATES' — Ref Gordon Hill

SOCCER in the United States of America is of hooliganism and vandalism at the top really taking off and within the next few years matches in the States.

really taking off and within the next few years they could be leading the world.

That's the view of former Football League referee Gordon Hill who recently returned to his native Leicester on a three week visit from

Hill is the youth development officer for one of America's top teams — the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

He has no doubt that American soccer offers far greater all round entertainment than the game in this country. Gordon said: "Everything from the players'

match-day uniforms to the girl cheer-leaders is shrouded in bright colours."

And Gordon is highly impressed by the lack

He said: "Soccer out there is very much a family affair where mum, dad and the kids turn up hours before a game and enjoy a picnic as they are entertained by musical groups before the match starts."
At first a lot of the American razzamatazz

associated with the game failed to impress

He said: "When I first went out there to referee a game in San Jose the penalty-area grass had been painted red. I thought that that was stupid but I soon realised that it not only made the scene more colourful but also made it easier for referees to make decisions about fouls on the edge of the box.

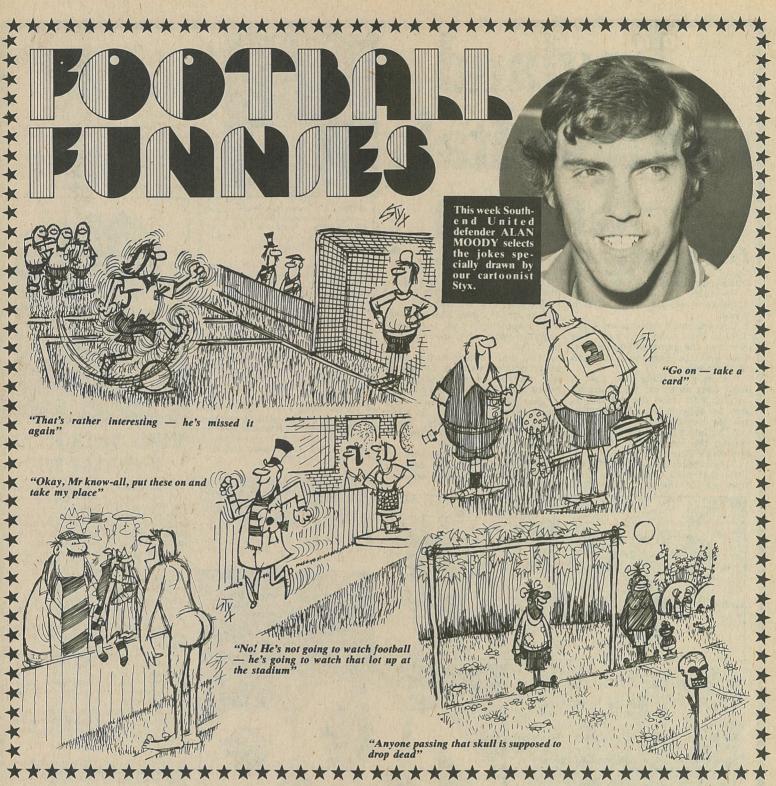
"But you have to draw the line somewhere. I had to persuade officials at Tampa not to paint the goalposts green and yellow to match the team's strip."

Gordon has been in the States for three years and the only real area of the game which he finds below par is the standard of refereeing.

refereeing.

He explained: "The American referees
were not brought up with the sport as referees
in England are. Obviously they know less
about the laws of football than many of the

English stars playing the game.
"But the standard is bound to improve. I hold my own referee coaching sessions and Tom Reynolds and Bob Matthewson recently came over for a short spell to give me a hand.













Both Scottish 'keepers — both named Hunter but fate is treating them very differently



WHEN Scotland qualified for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany it was the first time they had got through the Final stages in

16 long years . . . The night they clinched their place there were celebrations in Scotland. They had just beaten Czechoslovakia 2-1 in the crunch game at Hampden and the man-ager, Willie Ormond, the players and the fans went wild with delight.

Scotland's goalkeeper that historic night was Ally Hunter and life then just couldn't be sweeter for the quiet-spoken star. Four years later, though, things have changed drastically for the 'keeper.

That was his last game for Scotland, but it hasn't just been on the international front that things have gone wrong for Ally. He lost his confidence and was dropped by Celtic.

Denis Connaghan took over for a long time, but Ally fought back for a brief spell and he was in charge. However, Celtic still weren't entirely satisfied with his form and they bought Peter Latchford, the English Under-23 cap of West

That was the beginning of the end at Parkhead for Ally. He had to be content with a place in the reserves before Motherwell man-ager Willie McLean made a sur-prise move for him two seasons

Ally, who cost Celtic £45,000 from Kilmarnock, was allowed to move on for just half that fee.

He went straight into the top team replacing Stewart Rennie, who was suffering a form collapse. Hunter started impressively,

then the rot set in again. He lost his touch, Rennie returned and, apart from some brief appearances, that has been the story for the ex-Celt.

At the start of this season it looked as though he would be joining First Division Dundee with Thomson Allan coming to Fir Park

in a player-exchange deal, but it fell through at the last minute.

Now Ally is on the transfer list and a former Parkhead colleague says: "It's sad, really. When Ally first joined up at Parkhead he was on top of his form. He impressed us all with his handling and

"Jock Stein has often said that it is his impression that Ally never his confidence after regained his confidence after allowing that long shot from Nehoda to beat him on that night when Scotland qualified for the World Cup Finals.

"I admit Ally didn't look too clever as the shot from about 30 yards swept past him, but he still did enough during the game to prevent the Czechs from scoring

again.
"It's true, though, that things haven't gone too well for him since that game. I don't believe, though, that Ally is finished. You can't lose the talent he had."

The answer now rests with Ally. He isn't making any rash promises

— "That's not my style," he says but he still believes in his ability to get back to the top again.

A transfer to another club will be a step in the right direction . . .

HINING WITH ST. MIRREN

ONALD HUNTER'S smile was of immaculate displays. as broad as any on the faces of "I was out in the cold his St. Mirren team-mates after their superb 3-3 draw against Ran-

gers in the Premier Division at Love Street recently.

Strangely, though, Donald could have been forgiven for having mixed feelings. He is, after all, still

technically a Rangers' goalkeeper!
Donald left Ibrox just over a year
ago to go on loan to the Paisley
side and he helped them gain a
place in the Premier with a series

"I was out in the cold at Ibrox," he says, "and the thought of first team football with St. Mirren appealed to me. Peter McCloy and Stewart Kennedy were fighting it out for the top team place with Rangers and my opportunities were few and far between.

"Obviously, I wanted to make the grade at Ibrox, but Saints' boss Alex Ferguson really impressed me when I met him and I was only too glad to go to Love Street.

The move is now likely to become permanent, for The Saints are happy with Donald's consistent form and Rangers now have Ronnie Lowrie challenging McCloy and Kennedy for the number one

Big and brave, Donald is the sort of goalkeeper an attack-minded manager would like to have in his side. There is no wasting time after he has pulled off a save. He is on his feet immediately looking to start a counter-attack with a throw or a long kick.



Exposed

Ambitious, attacking, entertaining St. Mirren can often leave Donald exposed with their urgency to go forward all the time. This is what happened in the six-goal thriller with Rangers.

The Saints lost the first goal, but came storming back to equalise with a powerful drive from Brian

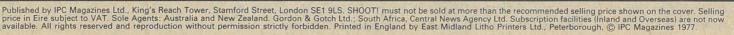
Docherty then go ahead with a Frank McGarvey penalty-kick.
They kept on attacking after the interval and referee Bill Mullan angered the home fans when he disallowed what looked like a good third goal from McGarvey. The Saints lost a bit of concentration . . . and almost lost the

Donald was sadly exposed when a cross came over from the right and Davie Cooper left him helpless with a thundering close-in shot. Not long after that another cross from the right eluded The Saints' defence and Derek Johnstone nodded number three behind Donald.

However, The Saints got their share of the points when a header from dangerman McGarvey swept past McCloy.

There is no doubt that Donald is enjoying every minute of his life in the Premier Division. He is being kept busy and being given plenty of opportunities to show his qual-

ities.
"It's a far cry from the reserves at lbrox," he says.



POINTS GRABBERS. AWAY FROM HOME



Arthur Graham (above, on knees) stoops to score a late equaliser for Leads against Derby at The Baseball Ground. His first goal for the club enabled them to draw 2-2. One of the big shocks so far this season was Chelsea's tremendous 1-0 victory against Manchester United at Old Trafford Bill Garner (second left, main pisture) scores the winning goal for the Londoners.



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- 8. Ted MacDougall (First Division), Derek Hales (bottom of page, Second), Dixie McNeil (Third) and Ronnie Moore (Fourth) finished their respective Divisions' top goalscorers for 1975-76. Can you name the clubs they were playing for at the time?
- 9. Name the following home grounds of (a) Blackburn Rovers, (b) Stoke City and (c) Port Vale.
- 10. What is wrong with this statement: "Steve Highway (left) joined his only League club Liverpool from Skelmersdale"?
- 11. Did Manchester United full-back Alex Forsyth begin his career in Scotland with Rangers, Partick Thistle or Hibs?



- 12. Did Gordon Hodgson (above) appear in all 46 games for Third Division Champions Mansfield Town last season?
- 13. Which country from Group one — Cyprus, Denmark, Poland or Portugal — have clinched a place in next year's World Cup Finals in Argentina?
- 14. Kevin Keelan kept goal for which club before joining Norwich City?
- 15. On the same night as Scot-land played Czechoslovakia, Northern Ireland beat Iceland 2-0 in a World Cup game. Who scored the two goals for Ireland?

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (a) Chester, (b) Paul. 2. Joe Bough. 5. Brazil, Argentina Bough. 5. Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. 6. Yes. 7. (a) Allan Clarke for Leeds, (b) Allan Clarke for Leeds, (c) Hereford and Tranmere. 9. (a) Ewood Park, (b) Victoria Ewood Park, (b) Victoria ahould read Steve Heighway. 11. Partick. 12. Yes. 13. 17. Partick. 12. Yes. 13. Poisnd. 14. Wrexham. 15. Poisnd. 14. Wrexham. 15. Poisnd. 14. Wrexham. 15. Wollroy. Mellroy.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across:— (1) Turns. (4) Day. (7) Paul. (9) Or. (10) Aim. (11) Upton. (12) Martyn. (14) An. (15) Eels. (16) Gigg. (18) Warm. (19) By. (21) Tee. (22) As. (23) Steele. (26) Ten. (28) Sims. (30) Ecru. (33) Am. (35) Occurs. (36) Edge. (38) Key. (39) Frost.

Down:— (1) Trap. (2) Rimmer. (3) Spurs. (4) Duty. (5) Along. (6) Orange. (8) Apt. (13) Alms. (14) Age. (15) Ease. (17) Item. (18) Watson. (19) Be. (20) Yes. (24) Terry. (25) Liver. (27) Neck. (29) Sags. (31) Cue. (32) Us. (34) Met. (37) Do.

Jumbled Name: MIKE LYONS

THREE players feel it was partly their fault Birmingham City sacked manager Willie Bell after only four League defeats and a League Cup knock-out by Second Division Notts County.

Keith Bertschin, the £135,000 striker from Ipswich, midfield man

HE SHARKE THE P

Tony Towers and central defender Pat Howard, are the three who feel they are to blame. A jury of unbiased critics would name the guilty men as the Birmingham directors and the City fans.

Bell paid out £300,000 for the

three players during the summer. Results were expected — IMMEDIATELY. But they didn't come and Bell's head was lined up for the guillotine.

Says Bertschin: "There is no argument. Tony, Pat and myself have to realise what people are saying about us. Quite frankly, it wasn't the ideal way to start a season with a new club.

'That was the trouble -were with a new club. Those who blame us don't take into consider-

ho failure

ation the point we have to get to know each other's style of play . . . and the methods of the lads already there. "All right, I'll admit a striker has

to find the net or he is a failure. I didn't score in any of the opening four matches - our total was one but I'll show all those doubting

Thomases I'm not a failure.
"The sacking of Bell has made me all the more determined — and I was keen to score quite a few when I signed for City.

Bertschin, who scored nine goals in 22 matches for Ipswich last season, goes on: "How can they put all the blame on the new

SAYS BIRMINGHAM CITY SIGNING KEITH BERTSCHIN

players? There are eight others in

the side.
"Not for a moment did I expect it to be easy at St. Andrews. I am going to have to fight for anything I get. That's the way I like it. That's the way it should be. "It could be I put too much into

my game. When the referee blows for time I feel so worn out I am sure I couldn't run another step.

Bertschin ponders this problem, then adds: "Maybe I was doing



ASKS CYRILLE REGIS OF W.B.A.

AFTER only two senior outings, 20-year-old Cyrille Regis was very definitely the heir apparent to West Bromwich Albion's goal merchant Jeff Astle.

And the well-built lad from French Guinea just can't believe it. He says: "Only four months ago I was playing for Hayes in the Isthmian League. Now I am in the first

team and the fans seem to be pleased with me.

"Honestly, I think it's all a dream. I know manager Ronnie Allen put me in against Rotherham only because of our desperate injury problems, but I scored twice in our 4-0 win.

"Then I want in again three days."

"Then I went in again three days ater, this time against Middles-brough. We beat them 2-1 and I scored once more. The fans loved it and thought it was a good goal. I was pleased with it as well."

effort, one that would have play—would be just as pleased to be in back master Jimmy Hill drooling the reserves. I mean that. down his beard.

Regis was just inside his own half of the pitch when the ball bounced. With ice-cube calmness, he headed it over Maddren's head Regis was just inside his own half of the pitch when the ball bounced. With ice-cube calmness, he headed it over Maddren's head and set off on a jet-paced run that took him past three other defenders before he rapped the ball hard. It is obvious I have a lot to

and true into the net.

Experienced football watchers agreed it was a goal for many seasons.

Albion boss Ronnie Allen, who paid Hayes £5,000 for Regis, grabbed a rich harvest of goals for Rotherham, the newspapers gave Albion. He said: "That was just me praise. But I missed a sitter about the finest goal I've seen. It amazed me. The boy's speed was terrific."

Happy Regis, who speaks with a Cockney accent, is delighted to be

A good goal? It was a fantastic in the first team. But he adds: "I

'In two seasons at Hayes

learn. I wasn't really fit for First Division football when I came into the side and twice had cramp in the second-half. That was a painful

and, you know what? I was having a lager with a certain football writer afterwards, and he said to me Fancy missing a chance like that. I would have put the ball in with my backside.' He was right, too.

"In two matches I have learned football writers are honest. They don't pat your shoulder and say

you've had a good game and go behind your back and say you have had a stinker. The ones I have met in my short time in the game just

tell you straight to your face."
How does he like his new life
with Albion? Replies Regis: "It's
great. As I said earlier I still pinch myself to make sure I'm not

"Everyone at the club has been wonderful to me. They have helped me to feel at home; they are working on my weaknesses and teaching me the know-how which is so different from that required in the smaller non-Leagues.

"I can only hope I can keep hitting them in the sack. And if I am dropped when the established players are fit again, there will be no complaint from me!"

even more because I was with a

new club — trying hard to impress.
"It could be I was doing too
much work when the efforts were waste of time from the start. I think I might have been thoughtless and doing too much needless running.

The more I think about it, the more difficult I find it to pin-point what went wrong with the team. It certainly wasn't lack of effort."

With Bell sent packing, Sir Alf Ramsey was given the task of taking over as caretaker manager. And Birmingham beat Newcastle away. Hardly a miracle against a side who are also neck-deep in trouble.

Bertschin adds: "Whatever happens from now to the end of the season, I will always feel something about the sacking of Willie Bell.

"He bought me, didn't he? In the five or six weeks I hardly got to know him. The two other new lads were the same. 'Hello and cheerio' was what it amounted to in all three cases.

"It's one of those things which happen in this game. Here today, gone tomorrow. But there is no use in myself or the two other lads blaming ourselves.

"We're here, Birmingham City pay us, so we must get on with the

job.
"And if we do click, Willie Bell will have been proved right. He will have the last laugh."



Cyrille Regis (left) with team-mate Laurie Cunningham.

